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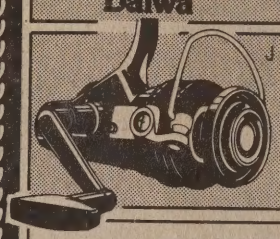

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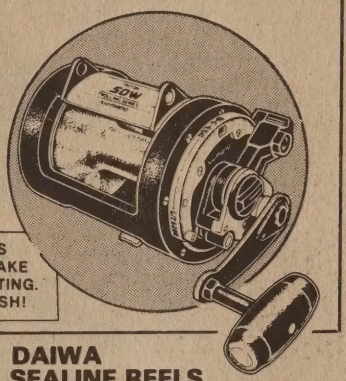

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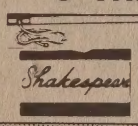

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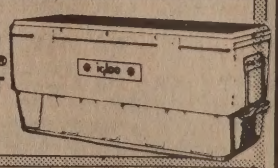

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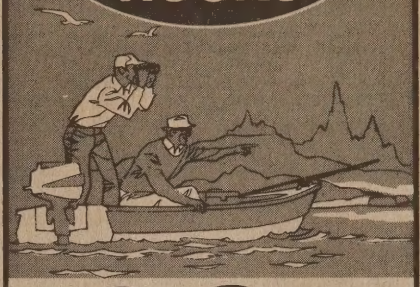

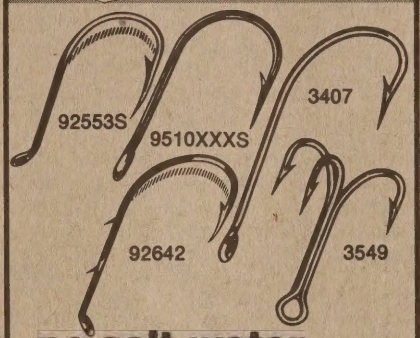

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CONGRESS ANGLES PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR NATIONAL FISHING WEEK

According to the Sport Fishing Institute, the United States Congress requested that President Ronald Reagan proclaim June 1 through 7, as National Fishing Week 1987.

Introduced by Senator Malcolm Wallop (R-WY) and Representative Walter B. Jones (D-NC), National Fishing Week legislation, S.J. Res. 18, passed the Senate on March 20, and the House on March 31.

National Fishing Week is a time for families and communities to learn about the rich fishery resources found in the United States. As the second most popular participant sport in America, fishing contributes substantially to the health, welfare, and economic strength of America. People of all ages, cultures, incomes, and regions enjoy the benefits of fishing.

Families, communities and clubs in all 50 states are gearing up for National Fishing Week. Fishing derbies, clinics, seminars and recipe contests are just some of the events being planned. Several activities will be focusing on older Americans and the handicapped.

President Reagan should sign the legislation into law by mid-April.

CANYON POLLUTION ALERT

For the benefit of the many offshore canyon fishermen who are totally unaware of the massive dumping of industrial waste and sewage sludge scheduled for the next five years at the Toms Canyon, we have prepared this pollution alert report.

The December 31, 1981 deadline to cease all ocean dumping, ordered by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was challenged in Federal court by the New York Environment Protection Agency. This agency, one of nine sewage authorities that dumps sludge at the 12 mile site off Long Branch, New Jersey, claimed the EPA did not provide them with a sufficient amount of time to find a land-based dumping alternative. The Federal court agreed and extended the ocean dumping deadline till 1991.

Due to pressure brought about by the different environmental groups, the EPA has shut down the 12 mile site diverting all offshore sludge dumping to the Industrial Waste Dump Site #106. Located just off the 1000 fathom curve of the Toms Canyon, this 400 square mile area will be the center of full scale dumping operations of sewage sludge and some industrial waste by December, 1987. The amount of sludge the EPA has authorized to be dumped at the "106" totals 8,000,000 wet tons annually. This amount represents a 35-fold increase per year compared to the 1982 dumping figures in this location.

As canyon fishermen, you should all be aware of the direction of movement and clockwise rotation of warm core eddies. The area of the "106" is in a location that is affected by most warm eddies as they move southbound along the 100 to 1000 fathom curves.

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Several experiments have been conducted by NOAA with drogued bouys that were placed at 5 to 30 feet depths and dropped in the dump site as the different warm core eddies approached the area. I am sure you will find the results of these tests very interesting.

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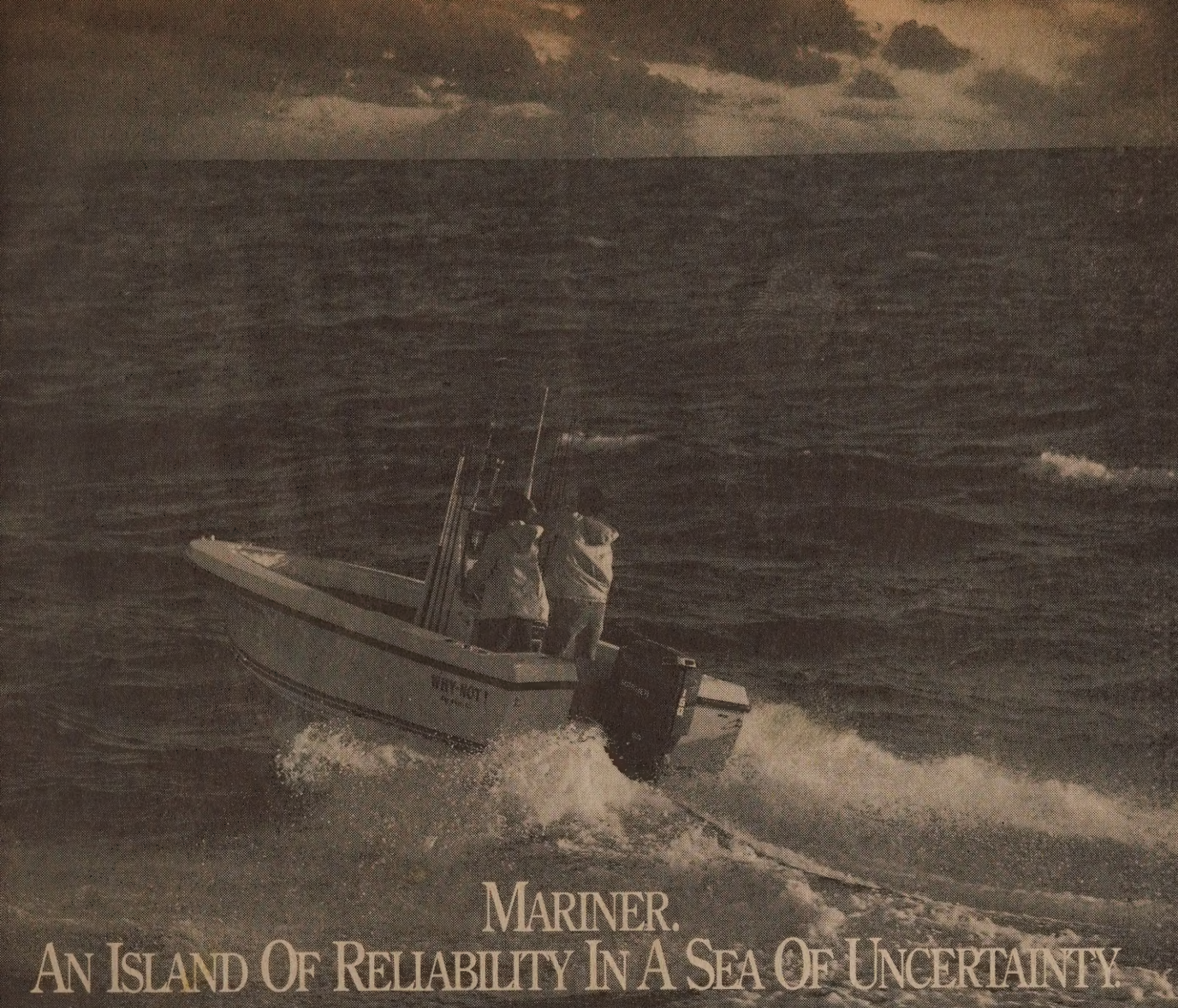

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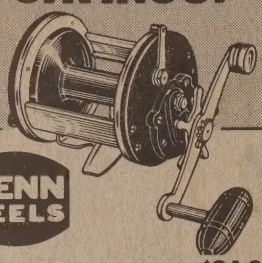

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a half, eventually winding up, 3 days after the drop, at the 30 fathom curve off Atlantic City. The three other buoys released that same day reached the shelf, basically in the same location, in 1 to 3 days.

With the approach of another eddy, 4 buoys were placed in the "106." Two of these buoys, floating at 10 and 30 foot depths, hit the 100 fathom curve, southeast of the dump site, between 6 and 12 days. One unit passed through the mouth of the Wilmington Canyon in approximately 6 days, winding up at the 40 fathom curve just south of the Baltimore Canyon.

Don't think you Block Canyon fishermen are out of the influence area of this dump site. Another buoy released at the "106" during the approach of a warm eddy, struck the 100 fathom curve within 8 days at the Atlantis Canyon.

With the rapid westbound movement and varying direction of these drogued buoys, we feel a net transport of sludge and wastes from the "106" to our continental shelf will occur. This transport of materials, within due time, will impact the great fishery of the area resulting in irreparable and irreversible damage.

We also must keep in mind, as this buildup of materials occurs at the canyon shelf, it will also affect the many types of shellfish, fluke, winter flounder, whiting, cod, mackerel, sea bass and tilefish that either spend a portion of, or the entire year at our dropoffs. These bottom fish will then move inshore to be caught by fishermen and consumed by themselves and their families.

Two of the nine dumping agencies have committed themselves to huge investments for the purchase of long range sludge hauling vessels. These vessels, being constructed in Singapore at a cost of over $22 million, will be pressed into service by December, 1987 by both New York and New Jersey sewage authorities. These agencies, because of the massive investments in equipment, are gearing up to dump for a very long time at the "106." It's apparent they have no intention of honoring the 1991 deadline.

These dumping agencies are depending on our apathy so they can continue this desecration of our canyons. A movement by the Thousand Fathom Club is presently under way attempting to designate the area east of Block Canyon to south of the Norfolk Canyon a "Canyon Marine Sanctuary."

As a marine sanctuary with a designation for recreational and U.S. commercial fishing interests, there would be an immediate cease of all sludge dumping at the canyons' regions. It would also stop the foreign fishing fleets from commercially fishing the dropoffs for our game fish.

Petitions are being circulated throughout the different tackle stores and marinas from Montauk Point, New York to Ocean City, Maryland. Be sure to get your John Hancock on one of them.!

New chapters of the Thousand Fathom Club are forming from Montauk Point, NY to Indian River, DE. This group of concerned, conservation minded sportsmen are behind the move to create a marine sanctuary at our canyon regions and are dedicated to put a stop to this massive pollution that is scheduled for the next five years at our dropoffs.

Strength is only found in unity and strength is what will be required to put an end to the dumping of sewage sludge and industrial wastes at our canyons.

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DeMapo Enterprises would like to announce a product which they feel will be of interest to many fishermen. They have compiled Loran coordinates for 60 of the area's hottest wrecks, reefs, and fishing spots. The card contains the coordinates for some well known wrecks such as the Virginia and Warrior, as well as quite a few uncommon wrecks, such as the Gunboat, Duke and Broadcast. The coordinates are listed on a 4" x 5½" fully laminated card. The card is waterproof, compact and durable.

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1987 BABYLON TUNA CLUB INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Babylon Tuna Club (BTC) is pleased to announce its 31st Annual Tuna, Shark and Billfish Tournament to be held in Babylon on the last weekend in July. All boats entering must be at least 23 feet in length and equipped with a VHF radio.

Mooring facilities at the Babylon Town Dock will be available without cost to the tournament participants. Due to limited dock space, berths will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

This year's entry fee is $600 for the overnight category boats and $250 for the day boats. Overnight category boats will fish Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th. Their Captain's meeting will be held Thursday evening July 23rd at 8:30PM, at the Village Dock.

The $250 for the Day category boats is the total fee for both days of fishing. There will be no additional angler fees. Bait and chum will not be provided, however, it will be readily available in the immediate **vicinity** of the dock, along with the fuel. Town ordinance prohibit fueling on the village dock itself.

Total money awards is expected to be over $25,000 and will be based on the number of boats participating in each of the day and overnight categories.

A captains meeting will be held on Friday, July 24, at 8:30PM on the town dock for the day category boats. At this time, rules will be explained, questions answered and boat numb-

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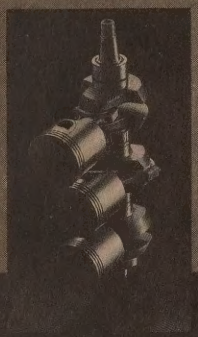

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As in the past all fish will become the property of the tournament to be auctioned at the Town Dock with all proceeds donated to the Association for the Help of Retarded Children. All monies donated have a multiple effect of 9 due to various government fundings. This means that for every $1 donated, the association will realize a $9 contribution.

Entries can be made by contacting the tournament chairman, Mr. Wolf Hager on (516) 661-5593 or writing to him at: Babylon Tuna Club, P.O. Box 123, Babylon, NY 11702.

PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS SAFE BOATING WEEK

In keeping with this year's Safe Boating Week theme, "Be Smart! Take a Boating Course!" President Regan stressed the importance of boating education as he proclaimed the week beginning June 7, 1987 as National Safe Boating Week. "As each year passes," said the President, "our nation's waters become increasingly crowded with new and exciting craft. In addition to the traditional sailboats, cruisers, canoes and rowboats, we now have jet-powered waterskis, sailboards and high-speed powerboats whose capabilities rival the racing craft of yesteryear. Because of these developments, it is vital that all boaters understand the courtesies and basic principles of boating safety."

PLANS GALA DINNER DANCE

Fire Island Lighthouse supporters have been coordinating ideas for Gala III, a fund raising, black-tie dinner dance scheduled for May 1st at the Southward Ho Country Club in Bay Shore.

Spring flowers, special lighthouse favors and a maypole dance are being planned by the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society Gala III committee. Laurie Mina and Shirley Patterson, co-chairpersons, are being assisted by Sue Hanson, Peggy Tregarthen and Ann Rehor.

"Formal invitations have gone out to past friends of the Lighthouse restoration," Mrs. Mina said, "but we want the general public to know that everyone is invited to join us in this very special evening. We will be celebrating the Relighting of the Lighthouse last May." A Larry Bassen orchestra has been chosen for music and a special feature of the evening will be dancing around a maypole.

"Having a maypole dance is an ancient tradition with roots in Druid history in England; it is a celebration of the return of spring," said Barbara O'Brien, music teacher in the Maude Sherwood Elementary School in Islip. She is teaching the dance to her students who will be performing it on May 1st at the school. Then the maypole will be moved to the Southward Ho Country Club for the evening gala.

Thomas F. Roberts III, President of the Preservation Society, reports that the contract for work on the exterior of the Lighthouse Tower (removing the old crumbling stucco and replacing it) was signed on March 25th. Last May work on the restored lightkeeper's quarters, now a Visitor Information and Exhibit Center, was completed and was seen by over 10,000 visitors over the summer.

"We still need nearly $200,000 to complete the interior of the tower, replacing the landing windows, repairing the 192 rusting steps and refinishing the interior walls," Roberts said.

Tickets for Gala III are $125 and may be reserved by calling 968-8899.

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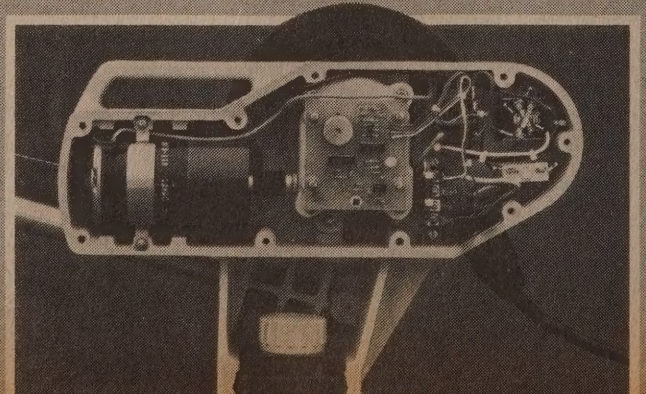

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It is now possible to learn and review boating basics and navigation in the comfort of the home. The new video "Boating - Basic Navigation/ Rules of the Road" from Bennett Marine Video allows would-be boaters and experienced navigators alike the convenience of brushing up on maritime skills at a learner's pace.

Narrated by veteran U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Commander Dave Smith, the tape discusses such basic aids to navigation as buoys, lights, ranges and structural charts. Presented in a format similar to that used in USCG classes, the tape also covers navigation symbls and methods of determining location by a visual fix, line of position, dumb compass, triangulation and depth contours. Determining speed by chip log, fixes, ranges, mechanical log and many more topics are presented in a clear, easy to understand style that is esy to grasp. The use of a video tape has the added advantage of periodic review at the convenience of the viewer.

Whether a novice boater, an instructor or an experienced yachtsman, this tape is a useful pragmatic addition to any maritime library.

Suggested retail price of the video, "Boats - Basic Navigation/Rules of the Road" is $39.95. All Bennett tapes are available in VHS and Beta formats.

From Bennett Marine Video, 730 Washington St., Marina del Rey, CA 90292.

RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE SOUNDS CONSERVANCY

The Sounds Conservancy, a regional conservation organization for the marine region of southern New England, has announced the availability of support funding for undergraduate student research projects beginning in the fall of 1987. College and university undergraduate students whose marine oriented research projects are within the region served by The Sounds Conservancy are eligible for grants under the Conservancy's "Marine Conservation Education and Research Program."

The Sounds Conservancy's conservation programs embrance Long Island, Fishers Island, Block Island, Rhode Island, Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds, and the adjacent embayments and coastlines of Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In announcing the student grant program, Christopher Percy, President of The Sounds Conservancy said, "We need to encourage and help guide student and private research projects to help rebuild the cadre of professional environmental and biological scientists who will help us to better understand our coastal water ecosystems and how they can be restored to produce shell and fin fisheries.

It is The Sounds Conservancy's intentionto support projects which will lead to: a better understanding and management of the region's shellfisheries and finfisheries and their habitats; improving marine resource management and coastal management policies; greater public awareness and understanding of our coastal resources and environmental quality needs; developing innovative technologies to enhance the harvest of marine resources without depleting those resources; and encouraging job opportunities in the environmental and economic sectors of the fisheries and aquaculture fields.

The Sounds Conservancy's student research grant program is supported entirely by private contributions received from individuals, foundations and corporations.

Research students interested in applying for funding may write for the guidelines and application form and enclose for reply a stamped, self-addressed, number 10 envelope to: Christopher Percy, President, The Sounds Conservancy, Inc., c/o Marine Sciences Institute-UCONN, Groton, CT 06340.

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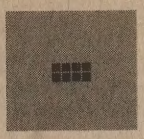

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Note: As a sales gimmick, some competitive units show pixels above the bottom in a color such as red. This actually provides less contrast than black pixels and is of no value other than a sales "novelty." Only with better resolution and grayline can you really distinguish fish from the bottom, random noise, thermoclines, downriggers, buoylines, nets, tree branches in man-made reservoirs, shipwrecks in the ocean, baitfish, plankton, etc.

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A fishhook starts to dull as soon as you start to use it and the more it's used the duller it becomes. A dull hook requires a large amount of effort to 'set' and as you know well, if you don't set it you lose your fish. Compare a brand new hook with one that's been used, bounced off rocks or dragged through surf—you will notice the difference in sharpness.

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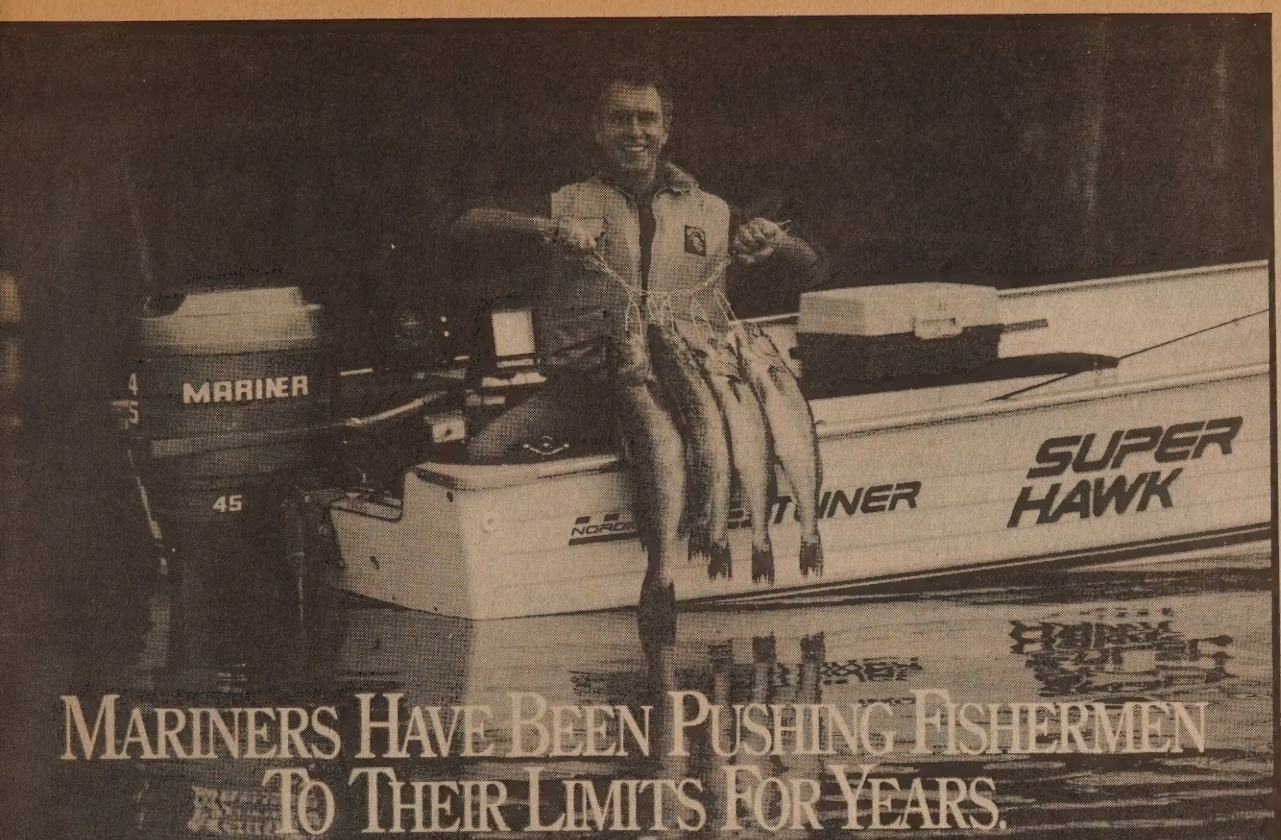

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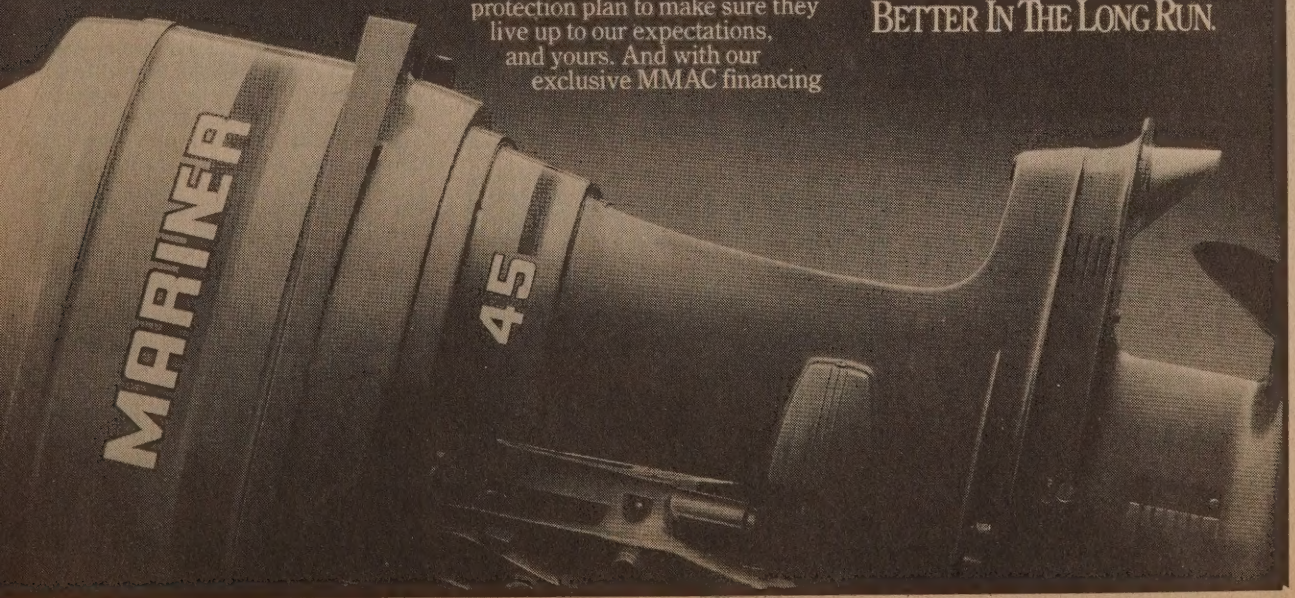

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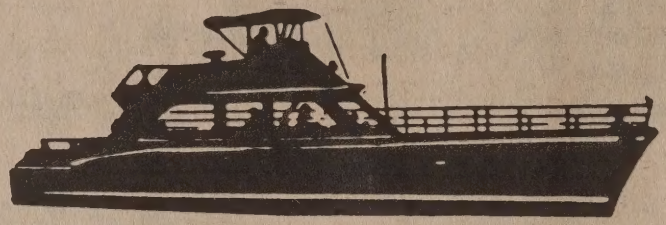

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UNUSUAL NEW 12 FOOT SKIFF INTRODUCED

Duroboat, a major Seattle, Washington producer of aluminum boats, has introduced a versatile and unique new 12 foot skiff that is bound to be of interest to a very broad range of fishermen and boating people.

An unusual feature of this dinghy is the patented "Durojoint" construction at keel, chine, gunnel and transom. The Durojoint is a permanent, flexible interlock between panels. It eliminates welds that sometimes fail or rivets that could work loose. Without holes in the bottom of the boat a virtually leak-free craft is assured.

Made of heavy gauge .063 aluminum throughout, the 12 foot Duroboat truly lives up to its company name. The wide extrusion along the rail protects the riders even in a rough chp. With a 64" beam and a depth of 24½" the skiff provides a remarkably stable ride. The hard chines and high flared sides add to the feeling of stability and safety regardless of the elements.

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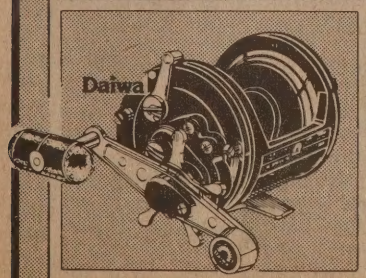

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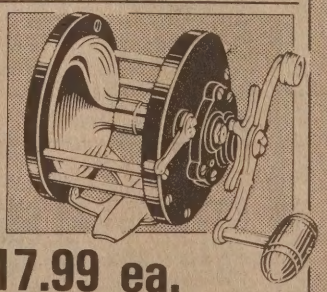

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Suggested retail price of the 12 foot Duroboat is $1087.

From Duroboat Mfg. Co. Inc., 1140 SW Dakota St., Seattle, WA 98106.

IMPERIAL IMMERSION SUITS WIN COAST GUARD APPROVAL

Imperial is one of the first manufacturers to receive the 1987 U.S. Coast Guard approval of its Immersion Suits. The approvals are for compliance with new rulemakings, published this year, for manufacturing and testing which bring U.S. requirements into line with IMO/SOLAS 74/83 standards. This international safety treaty, which became effective in July 1986, addresses many issues, including nomenclature, test subjects, donning over clothing, flame and oil exposure, impact resistance, water ingress, hand-dexterity after immersion in cold water, freeboard and righting.

The Imperial Immersion Suits, the only suits manufactured in the United States to have passed Norwegian Maritime Directorate standards, the most stringent in the world, have also passed that country's revised standards.

The Imperial 1409A Immersion Suits ("immersion suit" is the term replacing "exposure" or "survival suit" designated by Coast Guard to distinguish those suits meeting the revised standards) feature one piece sealed construction with attached hood, boots, and gloves. A detachable hi-rider buoyancy ring with new inflator design reinforces built-in buoyancy of the neoprene material. The suit insulates and will not sink even when flooded. Features include light pocket and whistle, waterproof face seal and adjustable spray shield. The international orange suit weighs only 12 pounds and comes with its own storage bag. In addition to the adult standard size (manufacturer's suggested list price, $450), the Imperial Immersion Suit is available in child's and jumbo sizes.

Imperial is well known in the industry as the number one producer os Immersion Suits—supplying well over half the suits used in the United States. The company has an international sales and service network. In addition to its Immersion Suit, Imperial recently introduced a new Rescue Suit designed with heavy duty, non-slip boots.

For information on Imperial Immersion Suits or other products, contact: Imperial, 241 Raritan Street, South Amboy, NJ 07503 USA; (201) 721-5300.

NET MASTER

The ancient art of throwing a cast net to catch bait or table food has been tried by millions and mastered by few. Now there is a new patented invention on the market called "Net Master." It is a strange looking plastic pan that the net is placed into and thrown like a frisbee. Hanging onto the handle of the pan, the net leaves this strange contraption and opens in a perfect circle every time. It wolrks with both monofilament and nylon nets, however, the larger size nets (5 foot radius and larger) seem to work best. John Brief, the inventor, says the only problem with the product is that it will never wear out. One size fits all regular cast nets and anyone can master this ancient art with very little practice. For those of you who have the talent of throwing a net in the conventional manner, you can throw those slicker suits away. The Net Master allows you to throw the net without getting wet or losing your teeth. It's new on the market, so check your local tackle sources or write: Brief Enterprises, Rt. 11, Box 215, Tyler, TX 75709. Cost is $10 plus $3.50 postage and handling per unit.

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Any saltwater angler who's ever stalked big game fish knows how important presentation of the bait is Anglers have tried nearly every trick in the book to entice game fish to strike. They've used the right baits, fished the right water, fished the right time of year and even troll their boats faster. In spite of all this, they've not been able to utlize the one important ingredient missing from their fishing: speed, the sort of speed that a baitfish uses when it is being attacked, which is the sort of speed that will make a game fish strike. When a predatory game fish decides to make the bait its breakfast, the reaction of the baitfish is to flee for its life. Previously, anglers have not been able to imitate this speed, and entice a game fish with a realistic fleeing bait.

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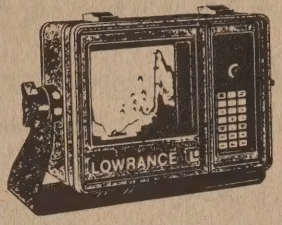

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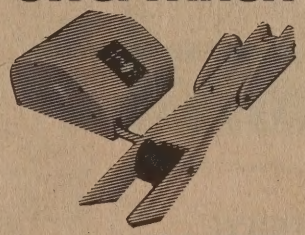

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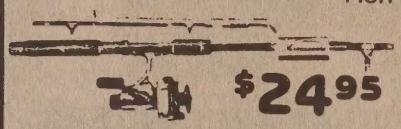
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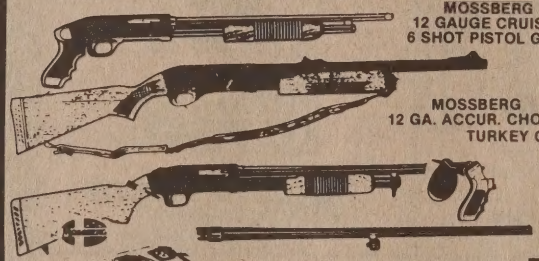
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The 14' Duroboat's sleek V-bottom and wide beam combine to provide a fuel efficient, stable hull that performs well with a minimum recommended 10-15 hp. The high sides, full-length extruded keel and square chines, full length tubular stringers and load distribution struts for bottom support all work together to provide a steady, dry and stable ride whether under way or at rest.

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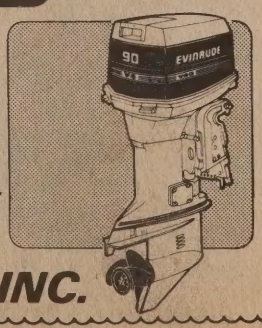

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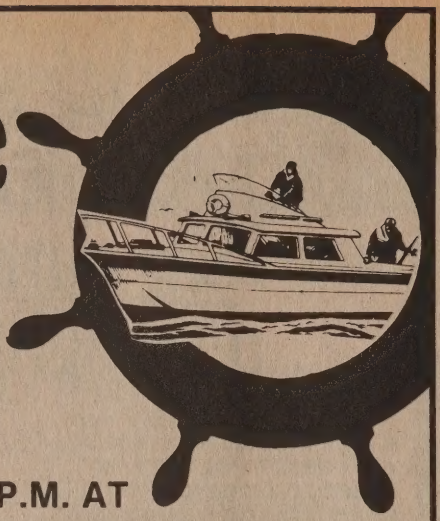

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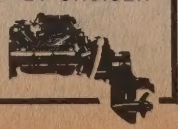

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Boats For Anglers

PURSUIT 2550 CONSOLE CABIN

by John Raguso

In many of my yearly boat previews, I've referred to Leon Slikkers and his Tiara/Pursuit group as one of the boating industry's leading builders. Their latest wide beam offering, introduced last August, does nothing to tarnish this sterling reputation.

This newest Pursuit is based on a 24' 9" L.O.A. by 8' 6" beam hull and there are two versions that share the same basic heritage. One is the 2550 Cuddy Cabin, which is a walkaround design; and the other is the 2550 Console Cabin, the subject of our review.

This rig features a single skin fiberglass two-piece construction, namely, hull and a combination deck/full length inner liner. It lives up to the high standards set by other Tiaras and Pursuits in that the gel coat and finishing detail is one of the best available on any small boat! The recessed circular deck inspection plate fittings are a neat touch and are tooled directly into the deck liner's mold. Going to this length is more expensive and takes additional time, but the end result is a more functional boat that prevents the occasional "stubbed toe" for us consumers and Pursuit and Grady White are two of the many manufacturers to incorporate this production method into the majority of their models.

Moving forward into the cabin, this area features twin 6' 7" vee bunks which are 80 inches across at their widest juncture, with 53 inches of headroom. A small storage shelf runs the full outboard length of these dual bunks and three recessed compartments are built-in on each side to secure items like flares, searchlights and the like. The headliner and the fabric covering the cushions is both attractive and functional and looks like it came out of a custom built million dollar yacht.

Shifting our area of concentration to the business end of the vessel, the cockpit, the Pursuit 2550 Console Cabin offers the 360 degrees of fighting space that makes this breed of boat so popular. The console is large enough to house recessed electronics storage for a large computer graph-type paper recorder, which would be situated in a lockable 16"x13"x13" compartment covered by a tinted grey plexiglas door. There's plenty of space on top of the console for a Loran C unit, in addition to a flush mounted compass. A dedicated plexi-covered instrument panel on each side of the paper graph locker will mount a total of 12 gauges, enough for even the most discriminating dual outboard enthusiast. The

port side of the center console features three recessed compartments for a fire extinguisher, gear storage and a lure wheel rack. The flip side offers yet another lure rack above and a teak access door to the twin battery and oil bottle shelf which sits under the console, built into the deck. A 15" stainless destroyer wheel connected to Hynautic hydraulic steering is standard, as are a pair of sliding Pompanette helm and companion pedestal fishing chairs. The forward section of the console includes a storage area whose dimensions measure 40"x20"x12", and this would have been a great location for an insulated fish box considering the boat's intended design, but the Pursuit engineers opted for additional storage space instead.

Forward of the console, on each side of the cabin entrance door, are a pair of 17"x10"x14" insulated boxes with overboard drains that double as step-ups to the cabin roof. Folding teak racks for rod/gaff storage are situated under the teak coaming covering boards and each will house a pair of rods up to 7' 2" in length. Interior cockpit freeboard is a respectable 27" aft and a whopping 32" forward by the cabin for passenger security. A teak toe rail aft will provide maximum leverage when wiring and gaffing large bluewater pelagics. The non-skid pattern molded into the deck is very aggressive and while painful to the bare knee, it will provide positive footing when fish blood and lumpy seas are the order of the day.

The boat I tested had two options that most serious center console enthusiasts would consider as standard fare: a T-top with radio box and a Salt Shaker leaning post/rocket launcher. Both options provide a needed utility that enhances the Pursuit's potential.

Rounding out the Pursuit's complement of features, there is an oval live well aft under the deck that measures 27"x15"x15", a pair of small rear bait wells with overboard drains that would be ideal to store a few frozen packets of spearing or sand eels. A 197 gallon fuel cell completes the package and should be more than enough to reach the distant canyons and back if that is your pleasure.

The five-year hull warranty is a statement of Leon Slikkers' pride and craftsmanship. The price tag of this beauty will preclude some anglers from owning it, but as with most things in life, if you want real value, you've got to pay a little bit more.

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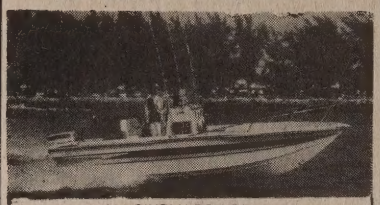

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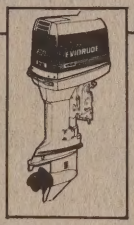

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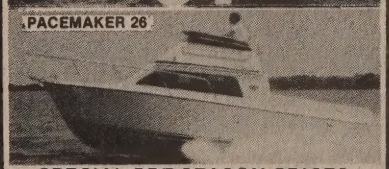

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Product Review

AMBASSADEUR 9000 SERIES

by Pete Barrett

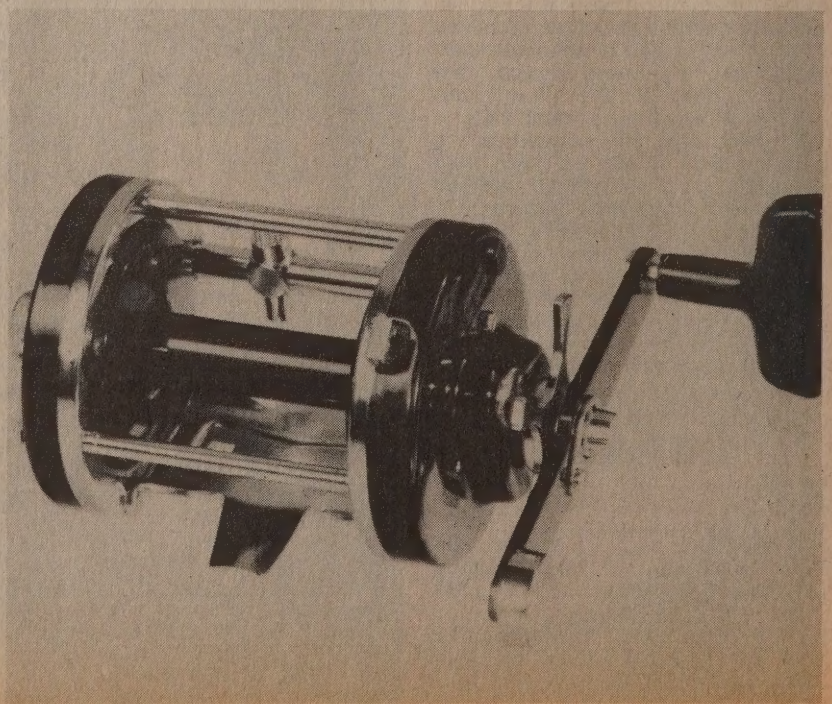
"They made this reel right the first time it came out of the box and the basic design has remained unchanged for over twenty years," Jerry Gomber, Director of Product Development at Abu-Garcia said as he reminisced with me about the latest versions of the Ambassadeur 9000 series reels. "Now we call them the Big Game Classics," he said, "and they truly are classic reels in every sense of the word, but the neat thing is that the reels are still around today because they work. They cast in the surf to channel bass; they deep jig alligator blues; they troll schoolie tunas, and they live bait fish for striped bass and sailfish."

I echo Jerry's sentiments. My own Ambassadeur 9000s saw several hundred striped bass over the years and traveled with me up and down the coast from Plum Gut to Florida and they were always a pleasure to use. The latest models look nearly identical to my old, battered reels, although the red finish has given way to the newer black reels. In the Abu-Garcia scheme of things the black finish in the Ambassadeur line denotes ball bearing supported spool shafts for greater smoothness and longer distance casting.

The new reels come in two sizes: the traditional 9000C and the wider spooled 10,000C. The ending letter "C" signifies ball bearings. Two new additions to the line are the 9000CL and 10,000CL versions that feature level wind mechanisms for those who don't want to wear out their thumbs spooling line after each cast. Except for the level wind the two versions are identical in every way.

Line capacity is healthy. The 9000 reels will hold 380 yards of 20 pound line, the 10,000s will hold 400 of 30 pound line. Of course, you can fish with heavier or lighter line if you wish and the line capacity will go up or down depending on the line actually spooled on the reels. My 9000s usually had 30 pound line for striped bass bunker dunkin', but my new 10,000CL is filled with 40 pound mono and I intend to use it for light sharking and for chunking school to medium tuna.

My initial use of the new CL reel has been in Florida over this past winter and in every respect it has held up beautifully to sailfish, amberjack, barracuda, dolphin and grouper. I'm looking forward to KO'ing the first mako of 1987 on this reel and I'm confident the Ambassadeur will not let me down. By July I hope we can go



toe to toe with a few tuna.

The Classics feel like high quality tackle. They are silky smooth in the gear train, the operation of the free spool mechanism is firm and precise and every part fits absolutely perfectly. Turn the handle and the reel gives the impression of a fine tuned watch, not a rugged, battle ready fishing reel.

Abu Garcia paid a lot of attention to durability when they made these reels. Most parts are stainless steel, chromed brass or anodized aluminum. The anodizing on the side plates is two to three times the thickness of what is typically found on freshwater reels and I can speak from 20 years of experience that the Ambassadeur finishes do hold up well. Only a spritz of WD-40 is required every so often to keep the finish bright and looking in good shape.

Internal parts are corrosion resistant, even down to the stainless steel springs that work the free spool mechanism. The reel foot and cross posts are stainless and so are the two plates that snug up to the spool sides and help seal the reel from salt spray. No, they aren't waterproof, but after years of use in the surf and from boats the insides of my old reels still are in excellent shape.

The most unique feature of the Big Water Classics is the use of an automatic two speed gear system. The 4.2 to 1 ratio is great for speed reeling when fast lure work is required, like for bluefishing. Once a fish is hooked, the reel will automatically drop down to 2.5 to 1 ratio for more power to haul in big fish.

Gear changes are initiated by the drag setting. The lighter the setting, the less pulling power is required to drop down to the lower gear; the heavier the setting, the more power it takes to change the gear ratio. I found the shifting ability to be a big advantage, especially with bigger fish. Sometimes that extra pulling power is just enough to move a big bass into gaffing range. Both gears are beefy. The pinion is a bronze/stainless alloy while both main gears are machined from bronze.

Monofilament line with its elastic stretching qualities poses no threat to the Ambassadeurs unless you screw the drag down all the way and abuse the reel. The spools are machined from one piece aluminum, fitted with a stainless steel shaft. The spool exterior finish matches the high gloss black anodizing of the side plates.

Technology and high quality is not cheap, but then good things usually aren't found at dime store prices. The cost is justified if you fish frequently and want a reel that will literally last a lifetime. After more than 20 years my original Ambassadeurs are working just fine and I expect they will be going strong for another 20.

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

I'm new to the sport of fishing for about one year now. I've gathered some rods and reels that I think should be good enough to use for bluefish, flounder, mackerel and other inshore party boat species. I do, though, have a problem while trying to decide what to buy for offshore trips for tuna and giant cod.

The prices I've seen for most outfits are very expensive, along with the fact that I do not know how to match a rod and reel for giant cod and tuna (mostly stand-up game). I do not want to spend a fortune for something that I will only be using 3 or 4 times a year.

I would like your suggestion about the Penn Tuna Stick rods and if they can be used for cod or other game fish since they are priced affordably. I was thinking of matching the 2255AR or. 2260AR Tuna Stick with a Penn 12/0 trolling reel. Is this a good combination since the manufacturer suggests only International reels for these models? The line that I would like to use is 800 feet of 60 pound test or 600 feet of 80 pound test.

I would appreciate your comment on that and if the tackle dealer would put the line on the reel since I understand it is very hard for an individual to do. *Steve Rebas.*

Hi Steve,

You sure know how to ask a lot of questions in one short letter! The major problem that you have right now is that you are trying to buy just one outfit for two types of fishing which are as different as night and day. Cod are a bottom species and don't make demanding runs on your tackle the way tuna will. However, since they are found in deep waters offshore and can weigh over 30 pounds, you'll want a rod with good stiff tip action, a strong butt and a reel that can handle cranking these weighty denizens of the deep to the surface. The Penn Slammer rod series, particularly the heavy action SLC-2701-AX, 7 footer matched with a Senator Series 9/0 or 6/0 reel will do the trick and won't cost you an arm and a leg. You don't need 80 lb. test line for cod either; 300 to 400 yards of 50 pound test is a better weight to use. For the tuna fishing you would be better off with a Tuna Stick rod that you mentioned like the 2255AR. You could match this rod with the Senator Series 12/0 or 9/0 reel which are excellent tuna reels: the 12/0 will handle 800 yards of 80 pound test and the 9/0 will handle 400 yards of 80 pound test.

Most tackle dealers will put the line on your reels for a nominal charge and, again, it is worth your while to let a dealer do this because it will save you a lot of time. I realize you don't want to spend a bundle of money for your big game outfits, but since you

Which outfit is right for open boat tuna.

are going after such different fish you will need two outfits. The outfits suggested above are good quality, yet they shouldn't break you.

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Dear Doc,

Andrus Lures in New Jersey manufactures jigs that were mentioned as being used for cod in a Fisherman story last year. What is the complete mailing address for Andrus Lures?

Pete Virbasius.

Dear Pete,

Andrus Lures makes a variety of jigs that can be used for codfishing. The jigs come in weights of 16, 12, 9 and 7 ounces. Each jig has a size 8/0 hook with a 6 inch twister tube tail, like the ones found on weakfish lures. To make these jigs more effective for cod most fishermen attach a piece of bait such as clam, strips of mackerel or fresh sand eels. The jigs are reasonably priced. The address and phone number is: Andrus Lure Company, 708 East Main Street, Millville, NJ 08332, (609) 825-1782, Att: Rich Andrus.

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Dear Doc,

I am considered a diehard fisherman. I fish party boats all year-round. If a boat is going, I'm on it. My favorite fish which is a challenge to all of us (expert or not) is the tautog. My question is: if blackfish are found in wrecks and rocky bottoms, then how come we are unable to fish for them all year-round? Do they leave the area or become dormant during the winter? I could fish these stubborn critters 365 days a year depending upon good weather. I make my own rigs and have a special "strong" blackfish pole customized just for tog. Can you set me straight?

Michael Pierro.

Dear Michael,

Blackfish are indeed a challenge to us all and have become quite popular with all kinds of fishermen. The reason that you cannot catch blackfish during the dead of winter on the rocky bottoms and wrecks along the coast is because they do move. This movement is out to the offshore wrecks or other structure. This movement from inshore waters occurs as the water temperature slides below the 40 degree mark. The deep offshore waters temperature remains somewhat constant throughout the year on the very bottom. So the fish spend their coldest winter months out in this water as it stays around the 40 degree mark. As the inshore waters begin to warm up to 40, 50, 60 degrees or more, the fish move back into inshore waters. So blackfish, like winter flounder, "migrate" from east to west instead of north to south. Therefore, if you really wanted to go through the trouble of fishing offshore, you could catch these feisty fighters all year-round.

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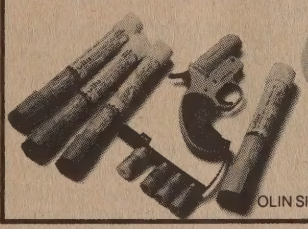

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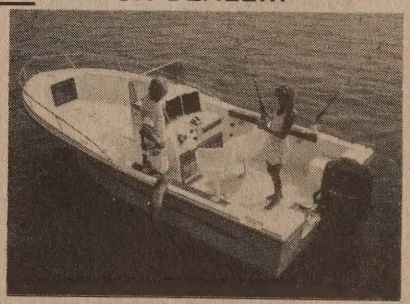

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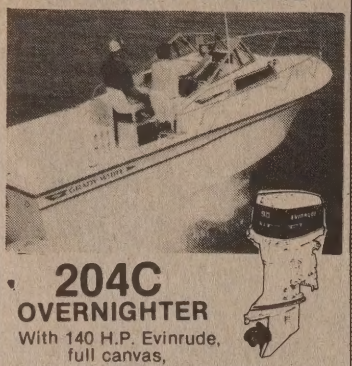

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

Last year I installed a color video fishfinder on my boat. Now any time I go above 2000 RPMs the screen looks like a snowstorm from all the interference. I have an outboard (Chrysler 125 hp) and there are no resistor plugs available for it. A rep from Ray Jeff at the New York Boat Show told me to line the hood of the motor with copper screen and it would do the trick. I called Chrysler and they never heard of such a thing. Have youi or do you know of anyone who has? I hate to do this to a new motor if it won't work. Any ideas? *Walter J. Buzin.*

Dear Walter,

Your best bet may be a noise filter to take the interference out of the line. I recently received a catalog from New Mar Marine that lists several types of noise filters for depthfinders, Lorans and VHF radios. They have one model that filters out alternator noise, another that filters out ignition noise and another that eliminates residual noise from electrical systems.

The address for New Mar is: P.O. Box 1306, Newport Beach, CA 92663; (714) 751-0488. I suggest contacting them to find the nearest dealer and ask their advice on which filter will work best in your particular situation.

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Dear Eric,

I was wondering if you could answer some questions about a boat I purchased last summer. I bought the boat as a fix-up project and have done a substantial amount of work on it already.

I ripped everything off of the boat and threw it away, and I was left with a bare hull. On the outside, I patched all holes with Marine-Tex, sanded the hull down and primed and painted with In[illegible]r-Lux Polyurethane.

One of my questions is about the deck, which seems to be a thin layer of fiberglass over plywood. It was split from side to side about 4 feet in front of the transom. I cut out a 4X4 section, which I replaced with marine grade plywood after I properly sealed it. I intend to cover the entire deck with marine carpet. When I removed this section of deck most of the stringer section seemed to be dry rotted and spongy. Also, most of the remaining original deck as far as I could see was in the same shape. In your opinion, will this compromise the safety of the boat?

I was considering removing the new section of deck and saturating as much of the stringer system and deck underside as I could reach with Get-Rot, and then filling in as many spaces as I could with flotation foam, which is now available at marine supply stores. Do you feel this would make the boat more seaworthy?

The boat is powered by a 55 hp Chrysler outboard which is about 10 or 12 years old. A dealer checked it out and has it running perfect. Do you feel this is adequate power for this boat?

I would appreciate a reply if you can, because I plan to start outfitting the boat as soon as the weather breaks. In addition to what I mentioned, I am going to install new seats, windshield, bow rail, steering and fuel systems, as well as gauges and electronics. I would not want to go to this expense, if you feel there is a problem with this boat. *Mike Dixon.*

Dear Mike,

I feel there is a serious problem with your boat. The dry rot in the deck could be remedied by replacing the entire thing, but the stringers pose a different problem.

These provide the strength for your hull and putting Get-Rot into them will not fix them if they are already weakened. It may be possible to completely remove the old stringers and replace them with new wood which you could then re-fiberglass. This type of project is well beyond my capabilities and may involve more time and money than the boat is worth.

You don't mention the condition of the transom, but if the deck and the stringers are rotten, I would check the transom for signs of the same condition. If it is found to be weakened by rot, the boat may well be beyond repair.

The motor is big enough for a boat of this size and since it is in good condition you may be wise to look for a better boat to put it on.

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Dear Eric,

I have questions concerning two pieces of electrical equipment which I hope you can answer in Dock Lines.

I have a new Ray Jeff 5000 VHF radio and my problem is where to mount the antenna. My 17 foot Montauk Boston Whaler has two places where I could mount the 8 foot fiberglass antenna. One is on the left side near the stern about two feet above waterline and the other is on top of the console which is about 4½ feet above the waterline. My primary con-

cern is transmission distance: how much range do I lose by mounting the antenna 2½ feet lower? My secondary concern is that I can't put up my canvas bimini top if I have the antenna on the console.

I recently purchased a Ray Jeff LCD 500, with surface water temperature and boat speed readout. I already have an old, reliable, readable Ray Jeff chart recorder which I love and will continue to rely on, but I want the LCD 500 so I will know my trolling speed into and against the wind and for surface temperature, especially for spring trout fishing. The problem is that Ray Jeff Corporation's installation book says to mount the LCD 500 at least 12 inches from my boat compass. I just can't do that with my console arrangement. I have set the instrument up with the transducer in a bucket of water and everything seems to work okay. Is there any danger to the instrument from being too close to the compass? I could put the compass on a gunnel, but that would be inconvenient. Any comments? *Paul Kennett, D.V.M.*

Dear Dr. Kennett:

Most of us who fish from small boats have encountered problems similar to yours. In this day and age of electronic fishing we run out of space long before we run out of gadgets to put on the boat.

You should mount your VHF antenna as high above the water as possible. VHF signals tend to travel on a line of sight and the higher the antenna the further your signal will go.

Having the antenna up and out of the way will give you more usable fishing space. If the antenna is on the gunnel the chances are good you will be banging rods against it as you set out lines or fight a big fish.

The problem with the bimini top can possibly be solved by a trip to the local canvas shop. I have found most of these folks to be very resourceful when it comes to modifications.

The danger in mounting your LCD less than 12 inches from the compass is not to the LCD but to the compass. The electrical circuitry in the LCD will cause the compass to deviate and you could wind up heading in the wrong direction. There is also a possibility that the mounting bracket for the LCD is ferric metal and this, too, will cause the compass to give a false heading. All electrical equipment and ferric metals will create these problems, so be particularly careful when you mount your electronics and where you store such items as anchors, knives, hooks and tools.

Do not put the compass on the gunnel. If there is no room on the console for the LCD and the compass, it is the LCD you will have to move. The best location may be in an electronics cabinet built above the console. This will keep the proper separation between the compass and the electronic equipment while allowing you to see and operate everything.

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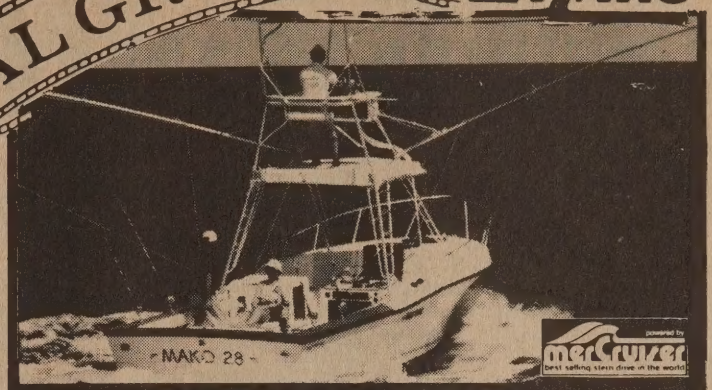

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STATE ANGLING AWARD PROGRAM

by Fred Golofaro

The Fisherman/New York State Angling Award Program, expanded from the State Record Program for the 1986 season, celebrated its first year under the new format in high style. In addition to the many outstanding entries which qualified for Skillful and State Angling Awards, five existing state records were shattered by some very impressive world class catches.

Don Braddick's gargantuan 3,450 pound great white shark, taken at Montauk on August 6th, claimed national media attention as the largest fish ever taken on rod and reel in the world.

Hicksville teenager Audrey Beller beached a huge blackfish along the Bayville shore while fishing with her dad on May 17, 1986. Her record "tog" checked in at 16 pounds, 8 ounces.

On May 8, 1986, Einar "Doc" Grell sent the winter flounder record tumbling when he pulled a "doormat" sized flattie of seven pounds even from the vicinity of the Fire Island Ocean Reef.

Back on the offshore grounds, Bill Sweedler of Westport, Ct. entered the 1,000 Pound Club while establishing a new blue marlin record for his 1174 pound billfish. The huge blue was trolled on an artificial on July 20, 1986.

A second shark record was displaced in 1986 by Kenneth Rafferty of Massapequa on July 23rd. Fishing southeast of Montauk, Ken bested a tiger shark which weighed in at 1087 pounds.

The State Angling Award Program is ongoing and recognizes catches in three separate categories. Anglers meeting the minimum weight requirements for the Skillful Angling Award will receive a certificate suitable for framing recognizing their accomplishment.

Those qualifying for the next category, the State Angling Award, must meet rigid minimum qualifying weights which recognize only the most outstanding catches made over the course of the season. Minimum weights for both categories are included on the adjacent page.

Those anglers who establish a new state record will receive a State Record Certificate in addition to a State Angling Award Pin.

The 1987 segment of the program has been further expanded with a plaque being awarded to anglers entering the largest of a species during the season. In order to be eligible for a best of species award, your entry must be postmarked by December 31, 1987. Only fish meeting the minimum weight requirement for a State Angling Award will be eligible for a best of species plaque.

To enter your catch in The Fisherman/New York State Angling Award Program, take it to any Official Fisherman Weigh Station. A listing of these stations appears on this page. Weigh stations will be supplied with the required entry blanks. Fill out all of the requested information and be certain that the weighmaster and a witness sign the slip. You, not the weigh station, are responsible for mailing your entry to The Fisherman.

An information pamphlet and weigh slips are available upon request. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Angling Award Program, c/o The Fisherman, P.O. Box 1994, Bridge St., Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

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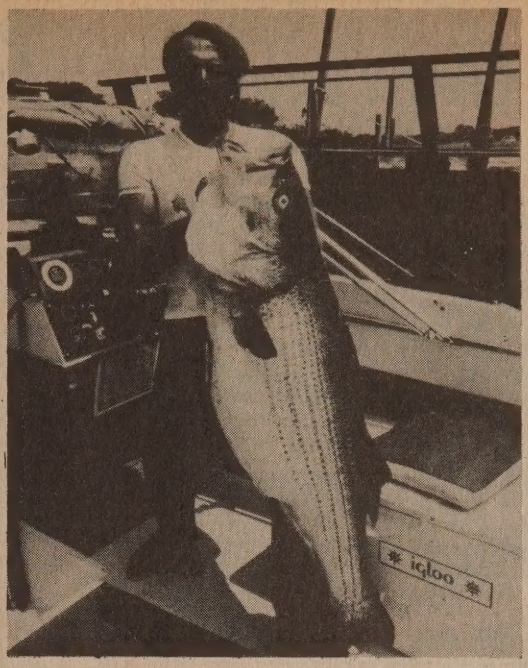

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BLACKFISH	10	12
BLUEFISH	18	20
COD	40	50
DOLPHIN	30	40
FLOUNDER (WINTER)	3	4
FLUKE	10	12
MARLIN (BLUE)	500	800
POLLOCK	35	38
PORGY (Scup)	4	5
SHARK (Blue)	300	350
SHARK (Mako)	400	500
SHARK (White)	500	800
STRIPED BASS	40	50
SWORDFISH	300	450
TUNA (Atlantic Bigeye)	250	300
TUNA (Bluefin)	600	800
WEAKFISH	12	14

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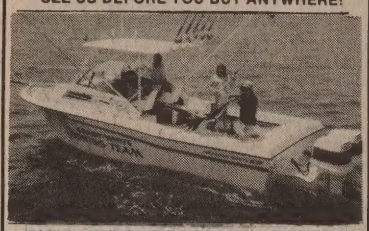

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1987 CAPTREE FLOUNDER DERBY

by William A. Muller

WOW! In spite of the fact that the weather deteriorated from a sunny and balmy 70 degrees to a chill rain in a matter of a couple of hours, a great time was had by all who attended the ceremonies Sunday at 4:30PM at Captree State Park. Each year that we've run this event, participation has about doubled and each year the enthusiasm for the derbies and the Fund has grown. One fisherman said to me: "This is one hell of a self-help effort. It's great to put your $5 down and know the money will come back to your sport. I didn't have a prizewinning fish, but I walked away with Stren line, Natural Light beer, a hat, and a rod and reel I won in the raffle. Not bad for $5."

This year we were fortunate to have even more raffle prizes than last year, and these prizes included many rod and reel combos, reels from Penn and Striker, coolers, thermos coolers for drinks, fillet knives and sportsmen's pliers. We all had a real good time at the awards ceremony.

Although the fishing wasn't as good on Saturday and Sunday as it had been during the week, there were still a lot of big fish weighed in by contestants. There were a few folks who wished they had entered after they found themselves with flounder over two pounds. There were, for example, a couple of big fish taken on party boats that would have won a prize if the people who caught them

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had entered the derby. But there is one story in particular that touches us. Fourteen-year-old Mark Beekman from Sayville caught a 2 lb. 1 oz. flounder while fishing from the Robert Moses Pier on Sunday. That fish would have tied him for fourth place. Said Mark: "Next time I'm goin' to be in the contest!"

Once again the folks at the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission did an outstanding job. Because of their efforts, in large measure, the awards ceremonies and the registrations go smoothly, making the event more enjoyable for contestants, and a joy for the people who organize it, like myself. Thanks many times over to Mr. John Sheridan, Regional Director, Mr. Michael Ashcroff, Deputy Director, Neil Ackerson, Superintendent at Robert Moses, Howard Lefhelm who runs the show at Captree, Ms. Lynn MacDonald and Ms. Eileen Turko from the permits office and the rest of the LISPRC workers who do so much for each derby to make it a pleasant experience.

I've got to take special space to thank Noel Kappauf and Bob Sprenger of Captree-Jones Beach Bait and Tackle. These two guys have both their brains and their hearts in the right place. These guys put the shops and their abilities at the disposal of all the people who participated to help make the experience an enjoyable one. The instincts of these gentlemen for getting the job done in the right way is indeed impressive. Hats off to Noel and Bob!

I'd like to thank our corporate contributors: Stren-Prime Fishing Line, Shakespeare Tackle, Penn Reels, Striker Tackle, Charlie Nappi Fishing Rigs, Natural Light Beer. Also thanks to our boosters, All Tackle Distributors in Deer Park and Northville Industries for raffle prizes.

We regret to have to announce that the two derbies originally scheduled for Moriches have been canceled due to circumstances beyond our control. We have plans to add a derby or two to the schedule for 1988, but more about that at another time.

Don't forget that the Captree Fluke Derby will be held on June 27th and 28th. Look for ads to appear in late May for details. If you were planning on entering the Moriches derby, why not sign up for the Captree event? After all, we're only a few miles apart—just a piece down the road. Sign up early and fish hard. I hope to present YOU with a check for $500 at the Captree Fluke Derby awards ceremony on June 28th!

Congratulations to all the winners. Not just the good fisherpeople who won cash and prizes, but also to all of the 1,200 people who participated, because your support of The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund makes you a winner too. Don't forget to send your $2 contribution to the Fund today, and we'll send you a free bumper sticker that will tell everyone that you have taken a positive step to support local saltwater fishing, for today and for the future.

Place/Angler	Weight
1. Joe Picarillo	2 lb. 9 oz.
2. Arthur Dionisio	2 lb. 8 oz.
3. James Scarola	2 lb. 3 oz.
4. Robert Picarillo	2 lb. 1 oz.
Mike Lastella	2 lb. 1 oz.
Wayne Porter	2 lb. 1 oz.
5. Val Jensen	2 lb. 0 oz.
T. Burns	2 lb. 0 oz.
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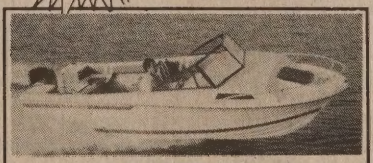

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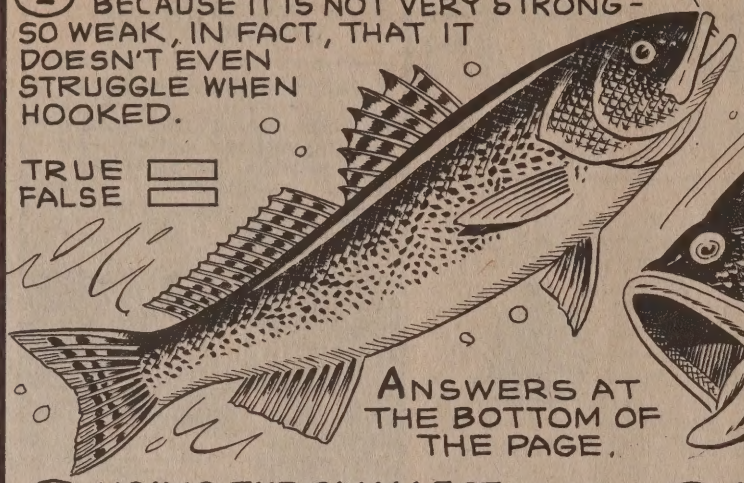
TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(2) **THE LARGEMOUTH BASS** IS A SUNFISH ☐
PERCH ☐ TROUT ☐



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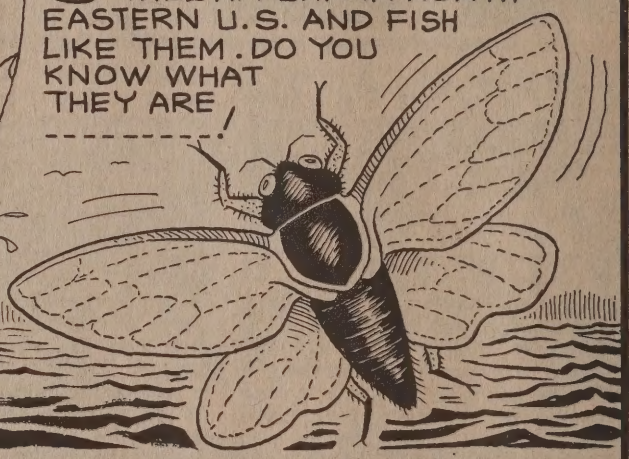
BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) **USING THE SMALLEST** POSSIBLE HOOK FOR THE JOB AT HAND OFTEN PRODUCES MORE HOOKED FISH THAN WOULD A LARGER HOOK.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(4) **HORDES** OF THESE INSECTS WILL APPEAR IN NORTH-EASTERN U.S. AND FISH LIKE THEM. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE ----------!



(5) **FISHING FOR TROUT** IS USUALLY BETTER WHEN THE BAROMETER IS RISING ☐ FALLING ☐

(6) **WHAT** DO THESE TWO DOGS, A SPANIEL AND A MASTIFF, HAVE IN COMMON ?

1-FALSE. IT RECEIVED THIS NAME BECAUSE IT HAS A SOFT MOUTH FROM WHICH A HOOK CAN EASILY TEAR LOOSE. IT IS CAPABLE OF A HARD FIGHT ON LIGHT TACKLE. 2-SUNFISH. 3-TRUE. 4-PERIODICAL CICADA OR THE SEVENTEEN YEAR LOCUST. 5-RISING. 6-THEY WERE THE TWO DOGS THE PILGRIMS BROUGHT OVER ON THE MAYFLOWER.

GEORGES SHOAL

Part Three—retold by Matt Ahern

Snow! A howling no'the-easter in shoal water on Georges, the vessel dragging—And snow!

Dannie made no comment. Even after he had made certain of it, he said nothing, nor made any new move—only stood by the forerigging and tried to map out in his mind the location of the others of the fleet.

"And now let's see—we're pretty nigh the most westerly of the bunch. Jack Kildare, he's about east by south. If he does drag, he'll most likely miss us. Simms - the Parker - he's about east by no'the and maybe two cable lengths away. She won't drag, I'm sure; rides easy as a gull. Jim Parker, he's about right to fetch us...no'the-east...and those two that dropped in just to the north of him at dark last night—they might, too. Any of those three'll get us in short order if they get to draggin'." Again he held his palm up. "Gettin' wetter—and thicker. There'll cert'nly be hell to pay around here tonight, and the old Pantheon—but Lord she's been through too many blows to..."

The vessel leaped under him, sagged back and started to rush forward again. His quick ear caught the first of the crunching. "Stand clear of her forward!" he warned, and himself jumped to the protection of the foremast, as through her bow planking they heard her chain go zipping.

A moment of almost dead stop, a breath of portentous quiet, and she swung broadside to the sea. "Wa-atch out!" roared the skipper. Aboard came the sea in tons. "Hang on! hang on!" called one to another. All clung grimly to whatever was nearest.It passed on, submerging everybody, but leaving the vessel still upright.

"Everybody all right?" called the skipper.

Each for himself answered—all but one.

"Henry!" called the skipper. "Henry Norton!"

No answer. And again no answer.

"I cal'late he's gone, skipper."

"He must be. God help him!"

"And his folks, skipper—he's the third of his family lost out here."

"And they'll be more before this night's over," muttered one at Dannie's elbow.

"Maybe there will," snapped Dannie, "but in God's name wait till it happens. Below there—oh, cook, hand up a torch and let's see what's to be done."

"Chain parted, skipper."

"Well, it don't take any magician to see that. But let's see what else."

The chain, before parting, had torn through two of the stout stanchions.

"Some tide that!" observed old John Gould, and his voice was that of a connoisseur of tides.

"Yes," admitted Dannie. "But go aloft, one of you...you, John...and see if you can see anybody comin'. There'll be somebody down on us soon. And the rest of you stand by to put sail on her. It'll be too much to expect that single hawser to hold her. And go aft, you, Dick, and take a soundin'."

Came John's voice from aloft.

"One man called to a mate, "Take hold, boy," and both rode grimly to their death, cresting high seas, astraddle the Pantheon's chain-box."

"Can't see half a cable length away."

"All right, come down." He turned to the stern. "What water?"

"Twenty fathom."

"Twenty? Drifting as fast as that? Put sail on her—the big jib first. Jib? No, not yet. Give this one too much headsail and she'll be into the hummocks before you could half put the wheel down on her."

"Nineteen fathom."

"Nineteen? All right, boy, keep soundin', and loose your jib now, fellows."

"Eighteen fathom, skipper."

"Eighteen fathom? Man, I think I hear it roar," observed one.

"I hear it, too. Is that the surf?" came from another.

"'Is that the surf?' Who's that damn fool? Oh, it's the new man. Well maybe you're part way excusable. Yes, that's the surf under your lee. It 'twas light you could see it break. But don't mind that, boy—I've heard it before and come away."

"Maybe you have," commented one unthinkingly, "but there's not been too many that's been near enough to hear it and got home to tell about it...not too many."

"For God's sake, choke that croaker, somebody! And drive her, fellows—no time to lose now." Dannie was all over the deck. "And stand by with the axe, you, Fred, so when we have to, and I give the word, cut and we'll run for it."

"I s'pose she couldn't stand the mains'l, skipper?"

"No, John, she couldn't...not this old hooker in this breeze. Just the extra weight of that boom outward now and over she'd flop, sure as fate. She's thirty year old, this one. Lord, if 'twas only the Katie, wouldn't we go skippin' out of here! But go aloft again, John."

In the whirl and thickness of snow they tried to follow John as he climbed the rigging, swinging and clinging, fighting his way up.

John's voice, but too muffled to be understood, came down to them. One man jumped into the rigging and passed the word along.

"He say's a ridin' light to wind-'ard—two of 'em."

"To anchor are they? Make sure."

An exchange of words above. "John says he thinks one of 'em's driftin'...only her ridin' light shows, but the other's just showed a side-light—her port light."

"Port light? That's bad for us. Look sharp at the wheel. And for'ard, who's got the axe—you, Fred? Well, get up the other axe and stand by wit it you, Tim. Slash to it, both of you, when I give the word. Can you hear me?"

He stepped back to the break and tried to catch John's voice for himself. Not getting it easily, he jumped into the rigging. "What's that last...of that one sailin'..."

"Another vessel driftin' down—and another...two draggin' and two sailin', but not makin' much headway. An awful wind aloft, skipper."

"Aye, John—and down below, too. But what's that? Hell!" He dropped to deck and leaped to the wheel. He was just in time to dodge the side-sweep of a vessel's bowsprit as she swirled by his quarter. Another moment and it caught the stern davits, the dory slung up to them, and then the end of the Pantheon's main boom. Cr-s-sh! cr-s-sh! The bowsprit of the stranger snapped sharp off, the Pantheon's dory went to kindling and her boom smashed at the slings. "Hi-i! you blasted loon, where you

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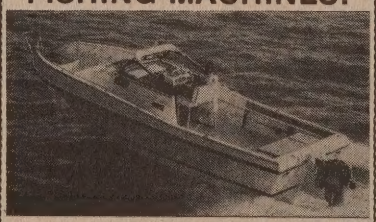

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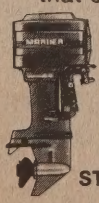

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goin'?"

"Hi-i!" came back a hoarser voice—"couldn't help it...parted hawser and chain cable both."

"That's bad..."

"Yes—good-bye."

Dannie fanned the snow from his eyes. "If that ain't hell...talkin' to men you can't see and they driftin' away to be lost! And the dory gone, though it's more than a dory we'll need tonight."

"Oh, skipper!" came from aloft again.

"Aye, John."

"Near's I can make out, there's four or five vessels bearin' down..."

"Close by?"

"Pretty close by—yes, sir."

"Wait...I'll be with you." Aloft climbed Dannie. It was a fight to make his way aloft, such was the force of the wind and so wildly swayed the riggings of the old Pantheon.

From the deck the crew gazed after the skipper till they could see his swaying shoulders no more. Soon he came flying down and after him came John, both by way of the snow-slushed, slippery halyards.

"Cut!" roared the skipper before he had fairly hit the deck..."and at the wheel there, let her pay off."

"Cut—cut!" Away went the twelve inch rope in stubborn convolutions through the hawse-holes. Around came the Pantheon, and by her bow came driving a great white shadow. White sail against white snow on a black night, she came driving on, and only a memory of a dim light to mark her when the shadow of the sails could not be made out.

"Showin' side-lights is she?"

"No side-lights—draggin'."

"Aye, and draggin' fast as some vessels ever sail."

Again a shadow and from out of the night, inarticulate voices—voices that grew in volume, rang loud, louder yet—not so loud, muffled, yet more muffled, quiet again—voices as if from another world, not to be clearly distinguished. "Did anybody ketch what they said? Nobody? Well, that's their end."

"God help 'em, yes."

"Sixteen fathom, skipper."

"Sixteen! We cert'nly can't be weatherin' it much."

"Lord, I should say not. And seas to swallow us alive. Looks bad for us, too, don't it, skipper?"

"Looks bad for who? Dry up! There's a whole ocean to the east'ard of us...how's she pointin'?"

"Su'the-east by east."

"Su'the-east by east? That the best the old whelp can do? That means she'll point no better than no'the by west when we jibe her. Try and hold her up."

For a moment the snow lifted and they caught points of light—a red and a green and several white lights. "Most of 'em still to anchor. I hope none of 'em get in our way."

The snow fell again and once more John Gould went aloft.

"One on the starb'd tack, skipper."

"Aye, don't mind her—only on the port tack."

"Aye. Here's one, wherever in the devil she came—hardalee, hardalee!"

"Hardalee!" Dannie jumped to the wheel and helped to roll it down. "Where's she now?"

"I've lost her. Thick o' snow again. Here she is...and another on the other tack."

"God in heaven! one on each tack?"

He got no further. A hail came from somewhere aloft and yet not from the Pantheon's masthead—a voice, not John's, called out something or other—a dozen voices called—a roar of voices mingled with the shriek of the wind and then slipped by another dread shadow.

"Fifteen fathom, skipper."

"Aye," breathed Dannie. He made out the shadow, not altogether with his eyes (the deeper senses do the work on such nights) and let her pay off. "But we can't run this way long—we'd be smothered in the shoal water." Again he tacked, again in the shadow of sails. "She's in the same fix," he muttered, and tacked again. No shadow pressed and he drew breath, but hardly a whole breath, when again came voices, from aloft as well as from across the water. All about him, he looked to make out. When he did make out anything there were two of them—one to each side. There was nothing to do, then, but try to outrun them both. He eased off his sheets and away went the old Pantheon.

"Running to perdition if I hold this long." He could hear the roar quite plainly now and hearing it, groaned. "But I've got to keep clear. God! why don't they hold up?"

And then it came—from straight a head and so suddenly no human power could avert, no quickness of hand or eye or trick of seamanship or weatherliness of vessel could avail. Head on to the old Pantheon it was—a phantom of white above and a band of black below showed through the driving snow. One awful wait there was and then it came. The Pantheon cutting into the other's upper planking, her bowsprit bore through the other's rigging and foresail...cr-s-sh! ...ch-s-sh!—the smash of breaking timbers, the tearing of iced-up canvas and above all, the howl of the wild gale.

Men hailed out questions, oaths and words that no man could understand. They held so, the bow of one into the waist of the other, long enough for men from the Pantheon to leap aboard the other and then leap back again. "Man, she's worse than we are!" shouted one, as back he came. The sea poured in by way of the great gashes. A moment more and it poured unchecked over the Pantheon's rails. The spars of the stranger went over the side and across the Pantheon's deck. Somebody moaned that he was hurt, but there was no time to find out who. The

stranger's dory bobbing alongside, one man made a wild leap for it, fell short and that ended him, though that mattered not much—he had no chance either way. Others—wraith-like voices—were heard calling from the sea before they went under, smothering. One man called to a mate, "Take hold, boy," and both rode grimly to their death, cresting high seas, astraddle the Pantheon's chain-box.

Dannie clung to the wheel, hoping that wind and sea would carry the Pantheon clear and that, being ready, he might yet force her off the shoal. But not so. They did come apart, but apart they settled more rapidly. The stranger went down stern first; the Pantheon, stern hove high, pointed her bow after the stranger, and began to settle that way, bow first.

Dannie was alone at the wheel when she made her plunge and defiantly clung to her until he was carried far under. He rose to the surface and caught his breath. And that breath he gave to the Pantheon as he saw her mast-heads plunging. "You were a good vessel to me," he murmured, even as the sea tossed him far away. He reached for something in the wash and found he had the wheel-box. He grasped it, but it was all smooth-sided—no place for his hands to get a grip and the terrible tide rips tore him loose. One sea, and another, now high where the heavens touched the crests almost, and again in the depths and roaring, he was cast like the flying spume itself.

Enveloped in foam so thick that even when his head was above the surface he could not breathe fairly, he still tried to justify that last catastrophe. "And yet you were a good vessel to me."

There is always a last sea, and that last sea caught him fair and overbore him. He knew it when it came. The physical agony was by then over, the soul surmounting all. Not till then did he indulge himself so far as to let his heart dwell on the memory of her as he last saw her, standing in the doorway when he turned the corner. For the last time he had turned that corner. Ah, but she was beautiful—and was it to lose her he came to sea?

The roar of Georges Shoals was in his soul. He began to hear voices then, voices of his own men—he knew them—and voices he had never heard before—voices, no doubt, of men lost in these long years of toil in waters where the sands below are white with lost men's bones. Her voice he heard, too...heard it above all. "Dannie, Dannie" it whispered, plain as could be. By that he knew she needed no newspaper to tell her—even at that moment—she knew, and was suffering. And all her life she would have to suffer. And so it was "God help you, Katie Morrison!" that parted his foaming lips at last.

The Katie Morrison was launched and rigged, but 'twas another young and hopeful skipper that sailed her out to sea.

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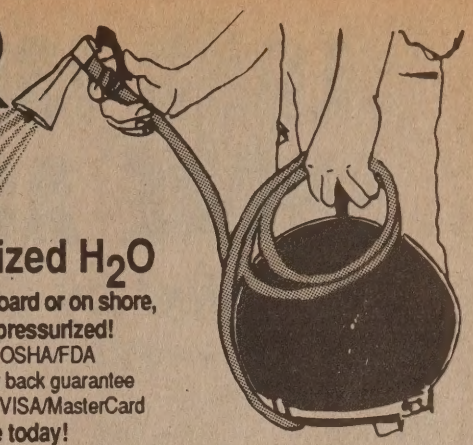

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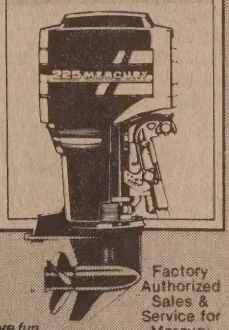

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Breezy Point-Gateway National Recreation Area: *Vehicle Permits:* No charge. Obtained at Visitor Center, Main Bldg., Fort Tilden. *Vehicle access:* 24 hours, year-round. *Exception:* From April 18 to September 13 an additional permit is required to drive to jetty area. There is a limit of 15 vehicles in a 24 hour period. Free permit required to park in Fort Tilden for walk-on access, good 24 hours a day year round. *Phone:* (718) 474-4600.

Long Island State Parks: *Vehicle Permits:* $25. Obtained at Robert Moses or Hither Hills State Parks from Jan. 2 to April 30 and from September 8 to December 31 ONLY. *Vehicle Access:* Hither Hills, Napeague and Montauk—permit valid 24 hours daily, year-round. Robert Moses (Democrat Point): 24 hours daily April 1 to May 21 and from Sept. 8 to Dec. 31. From May 21 to Sept. 8 vehicles may enter Democrat Point before 7AM or after 5PM ONLY. *Note;* Further restrictions may apply at Hither Hills and Montauk Point during the midday period during the summer season. *Sport Fishing Permits:* $10. Obtained at Captree, Hither Hills, Jones Beach, Montauk Point Robert Moses, Sunken Meadow and Wildwood. In addition to Park Headquarters, Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon. *Restrictions:* Permits issued from Jan. 1 to April 30 and from Sept. 8 to Dec. 31 ONLY. *Exceptions:* 7-day permits may be purchased at a fee of $5 at the Permit Office or Hither Hills only. *Note:* Jones Beach—night parking limited to Parking Fields Nos. 6, 10 and West End 2. *Caumsett State Park:* $20, obtained at Belmont LSake State Park, beginning Jan 2 (limit 250). Lottery held Feb. 19, 1987 (limit 200). *Note:* Ten, one-day fishing passes will continue to be available (8AM to 4PM) at Caumsett entrance ~~both~~ for single weekday use only. *Phone:* (516) 669-1000, Ext. 247.

Suffolk County Parks: *Vehicle Permits:* $35, residents only (Suffolk Co. Leisure Pass Req), obtained at Smith Point County park and Montauk County Park. *Vehicle Access:* 24 hours daily, year-round. Smith Point, Shinecock East and West, Montauk (Shagwong), Cupsogue. *Restrictions:* Cupsogue County Park closed at present due to washout on Dune Road. Access at Smith Point is determined by existing beach conditions. *Fishing Permit:* None required but must be County resident. *Area:* Smith Point, Shinnecock East and West, Montauk (Shagwong), Cupsogue. *Restrictions:* Must park vehicle on hard surface or in designated parking areas. Night fishermen using Smith Point Park must check in at Ranger Station. Cupsogue County Park presently closed. *Phone:* 567-1700.

Nassau County Parks: *Vehicle permits:* None. *Fishing Permits:* Free, residents only. Nassau County Leisure Pass required for all areas. Fishing permit required for night fishing at Hempstead Harbor Beach. *Areas:* South Shore-Nassau Beach (Lido), Bay Park (East Rockaway) and Wantagh Park (Wantagh). North Shore-Hempstead Harbor Beach. *Restrictions:* Night fishing only at Hempstead Harbor Beach. Nassau Beach hours, summer season sunrise to 10AM; 5PM to sunset. Off-season, sunrise to sunset. Bay Park and Wantagh Park—sunrise to sunset yearround. *Obtained at:* Fishing permit at Administration Bldg., Hempstead Harbor Park. *Phone:* 542-4430.

NASSAU COUNTY

Town of Hempstead: *Vehicle permits:* None. *Fishing Permits:* None required; must be town resident. *Area:* Point Lookout Town park. *Restrictions:* From May 24 to Oct. 1; weekdays 7PM to 7AM; weekends 9PM to 7AM. *Phone:* Parks Dept. 292-9000.

Town of North Hempstead: *Vehicle Permits:* None. *Fishing Permits:* $15 residents only (24 hours). *Areas:* Pier at Bar Beach and Town Dock in Port Washington. Obtained at Comm. Thomas Mohrman's Office. *Phone:* 627-0590, Ext. 340.

Town of Oyster Bay: *Vehicle Permits:* None. *Fishing Permits:* Free, for after hour access. Residents only. *Areas:* South Shore—Tobay and Florence Ave. North Shore— Roosevelt Beach, Tappan Beach, Stihli Beach, Ranson Beach and Centre Island. Obtained at Parks Dept., 977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa. *Phone:* 795-1000, Ext. 840.

Silver Point Jetty—Atlantic Beach: *Vehicle permit:* $7.50, obtained at Silver Point Beach Club, Atlantic Beach Blvd., Atlantic Beach. *Areas:* Silver Point Jetty. *Restrictions:* After Labor Day (24 hours). *Phone:* 239-4500.

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Town of Islip: *Vehicle Permits:* None. *Fishing Permits:* Town Recreational card required to use facilities. Residents only—$5.50 for two year period. *Areas:* Bay Shore Marina and East Islip Marina. *Restrictions:* Areas open 8AM to 6PM. East

Islip Marina open June to September. Bay Shore ~~Marina~~ open year-round. *Obtained at:* Parks and Recreation, 50 Irisk Lane, East Islip. *Phone:* 244-5400.

Town of East Hampton: *Vehicle Permits:* None required. *Fishing Permits:* None required. *Restrictions:* Daylight hours; summer season—town sticker required to use town facilities and road endings. No 4X4 access, June 1 to September 15, between 10AM to 6PM on ocean beaches between Montauk Point and the eastern boundary of Hither Hills State Park. Also restricted between the western boundary of the Township at Sagaponack and the westerly boundary of the Village of East Hampton at Wainscott. No camping or sleeping on beaches. No vehicle may be permitted to park on beach for more than 6 consecutive hours. *Phone:* (516) 324-4142.

Town of Babylon: *Vehicle Permits:* Honoring 1986 4X4 permits. *Fishing Permits:* None required but must have Town sticker, during summer season, for entry into town parking lots. Non-residents must pay fee to park. *Restrictions:* Cedar Beach presently closes at sunset. Overlook closed except during daylight hours in summer season. Gilgo closed to non-residents after sunset. *Note:* Sore Thumb closed to vehicles and pedestrians at this time. No decision concerning the closure of Gilgo Beach has been made at this time. All Babylon Beaches closed to 4X4 travel at the present time. Comm. Lynch is attempting to provide night parking at Cedar, until midnight. *Phone:* 957-3153.

Town of Huntington: *Vehicle Permits:* None. *Fishing Permits:* $10 Beach sticker for day PLUS $10 fishing permit for night fishing at Hobart Beach only. *Areas:* Geisslers Beach—May 23 to Labor Day, weekdays 6PM to 8PM; weekends 6AM to 8PM, otherwise locked. Hobart Beach (West Side) (ONLY area for night fishing)—May 23 to Labor Day, 8:30PM to 8AM. *Note:* Issuing begins May 18 at Town Hall, 100 Main St., Huntington. *Requirements:* Residents only, driver's license, vehicle ID number and 2 photos. *Phone:* 261-8112.

Town of Brookhaven: *Vehicle Permits:* None. *Fishing Permits:* Free, resident only. Required for night fishing. *Areas:* West Meadow Beach, Cedar Beach and Shoreham Beach. Obtained at Recreational Dept., Old Town Road, Coram. *Phone:* 732-5610.

Town of Riverhead: *Vehicle Permit:* Required; free. *Fishing Permits:* Free After Hours Permit—residents only. Free Beach Buggy Permit—residents only. *Areas:* Reeves Park; Iron Pier Beach; Roanoke Landing Beach; South Jamesport Beach; Wading River Town Beach. *Obtained at:* After Hours Permit—Riverhead Recreation Dept., Stotsky Park, Riverhead. Beach Buggy Permit—Town Clerk, Riverhead. *Note:* After Hours Permit needed to park, for fishing, when park is normally closed. Beach Buggy Permit needed to drive on beach. Both permits are required when driving on the beach after dark. Hours: summer season, 7PM to 10AM; off season—24 hours. *Phone:* 727-3200, Ext. 61.

Town of Smithtown: *Vehicle Permits:* Required; free. *Fishing Permits:* Free Night Fishing permit—residents only. Town sticker—residents only. *Areas:* Otto Schubert Park, Long Beach, Short Beach, Callahan's Beach. *Note:* Vehicle access only at Short Beach, 24 hours a day year-round. Town sticker required for access to all town beaches. Night fishing permit required when fishing at night, either walk-on access or vehicle access. Obtained at Town Clerk, 99 West Main Street, Smithtown. *Phone:* 360-7622.

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Town of Southampton: *Vehicle Permits:* No Beach Vehicle permit required. *Fishing Permits:* None required. *Restrictions:* No 4X4 access west of Shinnecock Inlet. East of Shinnecock Inlet, no access 9AM to 6PM from May 15 to September 15. Memorial Day to Labor Day town beach parking lots closed 9PM to sunrise. *Phone:* (516) 283-6011.

Village of Southampton: *Vehicle Permits:* Required, residents only. $25 Village residents. $40 Town of Southampton residents. *Fishing Pemits:* Permit required to use town parking lots from June 1 to September 15. Village residents free. Non-residents but renting in Village—not set at this time. (Previous year fee was $50) Off season, no restrictions. *Restrictions:* Vehicle access 24 hours daily except June 15 to September 15, 9AM to 6PM. Obtained at Clerk's office. *Approved entrances 4X4 access:* Halsey Neck Lane, Old Town Road, Fowler Street. *Phone:* (516) 283-0247.

Village of East Hampton: *Vehicle Permits:* None required. *Fishing Permits:* Permit required to use Town beaches during summer season. Residents and taxpayers free. Non-residents $75. Night parking free. *Areas:* Georgica Beach, Wiborg Beach, Egypt Beach, Main Beach and Two Mile Hollow Beach. *Restrictions:* 4X4 access 24 hours year-round EXCEPT: from 2nd Sunday in May to and including Sept. 30, no access from 9AM to 6PM. Only 4X4 entrance at Two Mile Hollow Beach Parking Lot. Obtained at Village Clerk's office or at Main Beach. *Phone:* (516) 324-4150.

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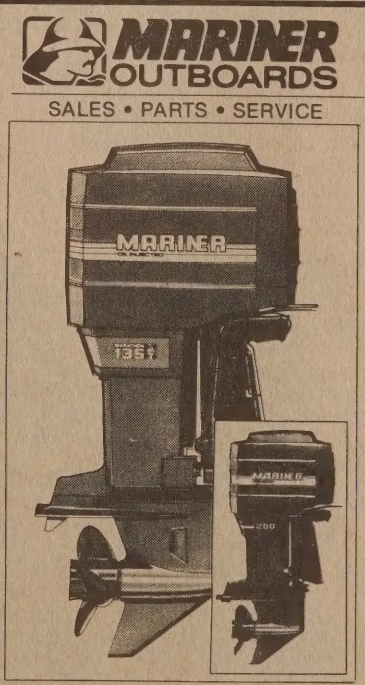

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MACKEREL MARATHON

by Gerald Hahn

The spring run of mackerel is not a run; it's a race. The macks cover over a hundred miles of Atlantic Ocean, from New Jersey to beyond Montauk, in a mere three weeks. Some of these fish spill into Long Island Sound and hang around for an extra week.

One reason why mackerel are so easy to catch is that they prefer artificial lures to natural baits. Although mackerel feed on planktonic organisms and various baitfish, such as sand eels and spearing and even strip baits, they favor a hook covered with a thin surgical tube. Not just one hook, but as many as four of them lined up above a diamond jig. Thus, a full house of five mackerel may be taken at once. Most anglers favor three hooks above the jig, however, since the shorter rig is easier to handle. When mackerel congregate under the boat, double-headers are as common as single fish.

The lure, known as a mackerel tree, begins with a long leader of 40 pound test. A barrel swivel connects the top of the leader to the running line with a couple of improved clinch knots. At the bottom of the leader, a 2 or 3 ounce diamond jig, preferably with a small treble hook, is secured to a snap or an end loop. Large dropper loops on the leader, about 8 to 10 inches apart, receive the three tube-covered hooks. No snelled leaders are involved. The thin surgical tube, called tinker tubing, comes in various colors, although most fishermen favor an all-red tree. In hooks, #1 or 1/0 Beaks, Pacific Bass, O'Shaughnessy, Carlisles or Limericks are used. The Limerick, however, with its bent shank, gives the tubing a lifelike bend and is, therefore, favored by many mackerel fishermen.

Fashioned this way, a mackerel tree resembles a school of baitfish being pursued by a larger baitfish (the diamond jig). Competitive mackerel invariably go for the smaller offerings. And when you consider that on a party boat, perhaps 50 people are using this rig, then 200 artificial baits are dangling in the water.

An open boat angler adds another "Boston" to his barrel.

Working the rig is not particularly difficult, although it is somewhat cumbersome. Mackerel are pelagic fish and favor the upper levels of the water, generally no more than 20 or 30 feet below the surface. Thus, even though the fisherman may be working in over 80 feet of water, he does not have to wait long for the rig to reach its destination, and tangles are reduced as well.

Mackerel fishing is performed from a drifting boat. The best side to fish is the one where lines come back to the boat. Mackerel swim upcurrent and meet this side first. From this side, the angler must cast the rig a fair distance, however, especially when the school is scattered. He then lets the rig settle to the appropriate depth, which on many party boats is often announced by the skipper. I cannot recall how many times I have heard Captain Speedy Hubert shout "Twenty feet down! Thick like bees!" A moderate retrieve with long up-and-down sweeps of the rod does the trick. Mackerel are particularly fond of the down-stroke which causes the rig to shiver like icicles on a Christmas tree. If the rig starts heading under the boat, however, it should be retrieved.

When the action is hot, the other side of the boat is just as productive. Easier to fish, too. For at such times the school is so large, it covers an area much larger than the boat. From this side, in fact, casting is not required. Many fishermen simply lower the rig to the appropriate depth and let the current pull it away from the boat. Then they engage the reel and work the rig as before. If the rig rides up to the surface, however, it should be retrieved and the process begun again.

As noted, there are slow fishing days during the spring run. Aside from working the upcurrent side of the boat, there are some other tactics worth trying that will increase your catch. Preparing the rig with a lighter leader of 20 pound test provides more action. In fact, on a slow day, some fishermen dispense with the leader altogether and connect the hooks directly to droppers on the running line.

Another matter to consider is the tackle. Most of the time, mackerel fishing on a party boat is performed with a 30 pound class outfit, consisting of a medium action conventional rod, about 6½ to 7 feet long and a reel, such as the Penn Jigmaster or the Daiwa 50H. A comparable spinning outfit, consisting of a jetty stick and a reel, such as the Penn 650 is effective as well. Although mackerel average only 1½ lbs., a full house on the long rig weighs 6 lbs. and in close quarters, tangles often occur. Consequently, the tackle must be fairly heavy. On a slow day, however, you can get away with a lighter, 20 pound class outfit and attract more fish.

Mackerel move so fast, they even eat on the run, like hyperactive kids in a fast food restaurant. The fish can't help behaving this way, since they

possess no air bladder. Like their relatives, the various tunas and bonito and false albacores, they must swim or sink. Thus, everything about the mackerel suggests speed: the streamlined body, the tiny scales and slice hide, the large hard tail. Keels on the sides of the peduncle and finlets on top and bottom aid in steering and turning. Mackerel are also one of the most beautiful fish in the Northeast. They are patterned with dark worm-like markings on a blue-green back that fades to silver and white on the belly and sides.

Although mackerel can perform the 50 yard dash at breakneck speed, they are also long-distance runners. Every winter they begin their migration from the depths of the mid-Atlantic to the coast of Cape Hatteras. Within a few months, they will have moved from this region to the Gulf of Maine where they spend the summer. Around late April, the macks jam the New York Bight like cars in the Holland Tunnel during rush hour. The fish remain about three weeks along the South Shore, although as mentioned, some stragglers enter the Sound, where they remain for another week or so. Unfortunately, after summering in the Gulf of Maine, most of the mackerel take an offshore route for their return trip and only a few fish are taken by whiting and ling fishermen. Thus, the mackerel marathon is a spring race.

Mackerel are not only easy to catch, they are easy to clean. In the first place, anglers never have to scale mackerel. When the fish are brought over the rail, they perform drum beats on the deck and in the process, shed their fine scales. Moreover, since the fish have fairly large bones and taste much better with the bone in, filleting is not necessary. A few passes with a sharp knife does the job. Run the knif from the vent to the throat and then remove the head and tail. A final cut along the backbone flattens the fish for the freezer.

Fresh mackerel makes excellent table fare, as does their roe, which is as tasty as shad roe. Save these orange masses. Unfortunately, mackerel does not hold up well in the freezer due to its oily texture; so catch only what you intend to use. However, mackerel do make excellent bait for big game fish, as well as for blues, weaks, cod and fluke.

Since the mackerel run is such a brief affair, timing is essential. I generally find peak fishing over by the end of the first week in May on the South Shore and a week later on the North Shore. Thereafter, the schools scatter and prime fishing is reduced to the early hours of the day and sometimes, late in the afternoon.

In recent years, the fish have been moving farther offshore and party boats have had to make somewhat longer runs. Even so, if you want a good run for your money, board a party boat for mackerel. The mackerel marathon is one race you should not miss.

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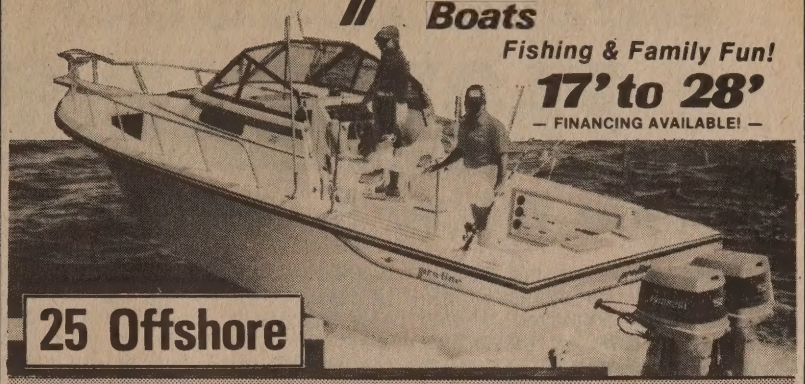
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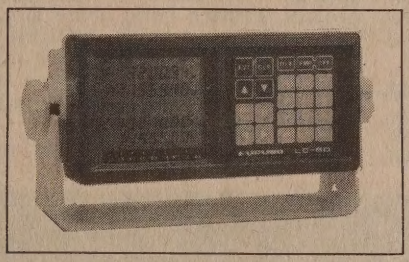
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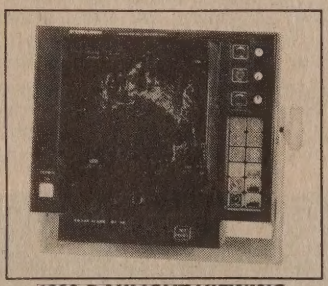
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LONG ISLAND SOUND FLOUNDER STUDY

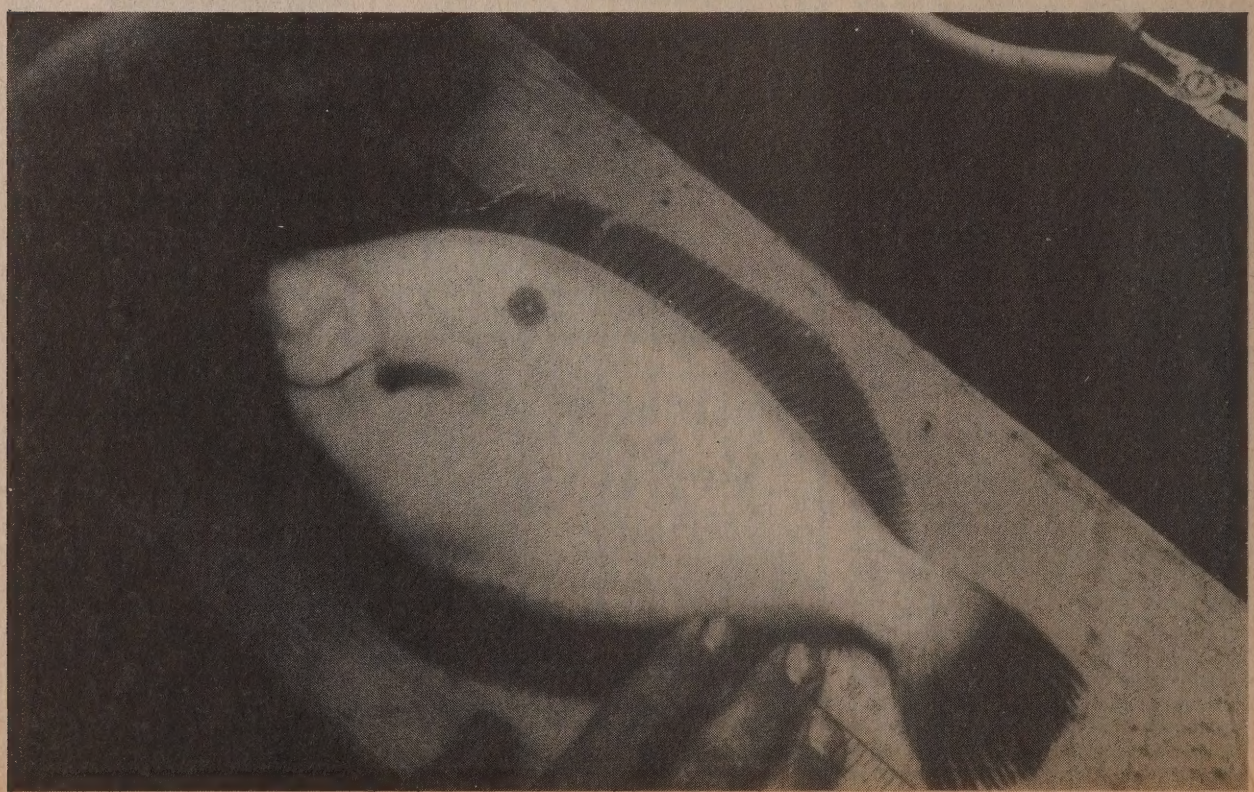
by Alice Weber & Chet Zawacki (N.Y.D.E.C.)

The practice of marking and tagging fish to trace their movements and migrations has been employed for well over 100 years. One of the earliest records we have of an attempt to mark fish occurred in the mid-1800s when wealthy Scottish landowners tagged salmon and trout in an effort to conserve their stream fisheries. Since that time, the use of tags and marks to follow the movements and migrations of fish has been widely embraced. However, it is only during the past few decades that these techniques have come to be recognized as important in providing us with information far beyond the wanderings and migrations of fish. Today, tagging studies are used to identify and define separate races and stocks of fish, to assess the effectiveness of stocking programs, and most important, to estimate fishing mortality and survival rates of populations of fish.

Biologists use several different methods to tag and mark fish including fin clips, tags, stains and dyes, and even tattoos. The most common method is the use of a tag, which can be described as a device that is somehow attached to the fish. Early tags were simply lengths of silver or copper wire, but today tags come in a variety of shapes, sizes and materials.

In the early 1980s, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Bureau of Finfish and Crustaceans began a tagging study of winter flounder in Long Island Sound. We chose to study the winter flounder because in New York State it is, more often than not, the Number 1 species landed by recreational fishermen each year. Indeed, the most recent NMFS Marine Recreational Survey estimates that over **15 million** winter flounder were taken by New York anglers in 1985, by far more than any other species. The location of the tagging project, western Long Island Sound, was chosen primarily because although Long Island Sound is a major East Coast estuary, we know very little about the finfish resources that inhabit these waters.

The purpose of the tagging study was threefold. First, to follow the movements and seasonal migrations of the local flounder populations inhabiting our western Long Island Sound bays. Second, to determine, by tallying the number of recaptured fish, the relative amount of fishing pressure being exerted on these fish populations. And third, to compare the results of this tagging study with previous ones so that we can identify changes that have occurred in these flounder populations over time. Beginning in 1981, 1,000 winter flounder were tagged in western Long Island Sound each spring for three consecutive years. The fish that we tagged were captured by otter trawl, a bag-shaped net which is dragged along the bottom and landed aboard our research vessel. After emptying the net, all winter flounder were placed in holding tanks with running sea water. Fish were then removed one at a time, measured, tagged with Petersen discs, and released as quickly as possible. A Petersen disc is simply a 1/2 inch diameter round plastic disc,



A Petersen disc shown in place on a tagged flounder.

similar to a button, that is attached to the fish by a stainless steel pin. Identifying serial numbers and instructions for return were printed on each disc.

Since fishermen generally target the larger size fish, only flounder 8 inches and above were tagged. The average size of the 3,000 winter flounder tagged was approximately 10 inches. Tagged fish ranged in size from 8 to 16 inches total length (1/4 to 2 lbs.).

To date, 237 tag returns have been sent in, which is almost 8 percent of the total number originally tagged. The vast majority (80%) of these recaptures were caught by recreaitonal fishermen. Most of the fish recaptured were caught within the first three months after tagging, usually within a few miles of the tag site. This is not surprising since winter flounder are known to remain in shallow inshore waters until the temperature warms up in late spring. Beginning in late May and early June, however, recapture locations indicate movement of the flounder into deeper parts of the Sound. Recaptures from these winter flounder show movement both to the west (as far as City Island, Bronx) and to the east (as far as Block Island Sound). Later season recaptures were predominantly from locations to the east of the tag site, but none show movement beyond Block Island Sound. Few recaptures of tagged winter flounder have been reported during winter months, which is most likely a result of the low level of fishing activity during the winter season.

The location of capture of tagged fish during the years following tagging strongly suggests that many winter flounder return to the same location each winter. Some 64 percent of second year returns and 43 percent of third year returns were caught within 5 nautical miles of the original tag site, and almost all of these were taken during the spring fishing season. This high number of spring returnees indicates that the movement of these fish is not just a random dispersion throughout the Sound, but a definite seasonal migration.

While most recaptures occurred adjacent to the original tag site, some fish did travel quite a bit. The longest distance traveled was reported from a flounder tagged in Oyster Bay on April 1, 1981 which was recaptured on November 4, 1982 at Cox's Ledge, southeast of Block Island. This fish, caught by a Rhode Island dragger traveled some 135 miles straight line distance. To date, the fish that has remained at large the longest amount of time was one recaptured by Thomas Houghton of Centereach. This particular flounder was tagged in March of 1981 and recaptured by Mr. Houghton in Long Island Sound just outside Port Jefferson Harbor in December of 1984, It had been at large for 3 years, 8 months and 5 days!

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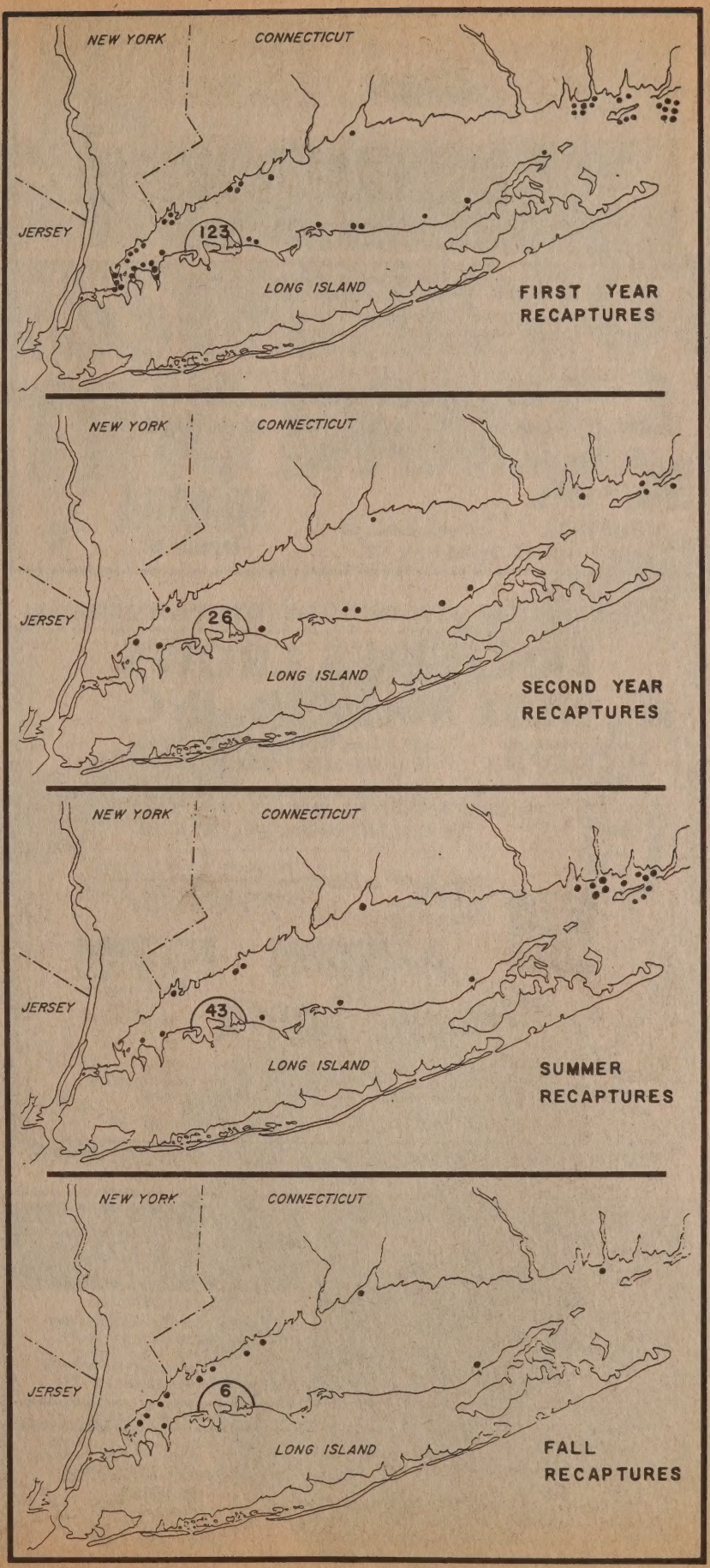

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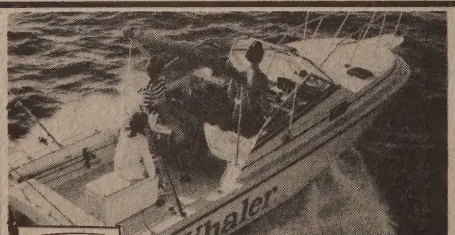

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And what can all these tag returns tell us? First, that winter flounder from western Long Island Sound, while capable of traveling considerable distances, seem to return each spring to their "native" bays. And that while they move both to the east and west ends of the Sound, very few seem to journey completely beyond Long Island Sound. Second, the results of the tagging study indicate that the level of fishing intensity, as reflected by the number of recaptured fish, is not excessive. (However, since not all recaptured tags are sent in to us, we must interpret this part of the results with some caution.) And finally, if we compare the results of this study with a similar tagging study conducted in the 1940s, we can clearly see that there have been some changes in the fishery since that time. Surprisingly, the major change since the 1940s in the winter flounder fishery in western Long Island Sound has been the apparent **decline** in the numbers of recaptured fish. In the 1940s 18 out of every 100 tagged flounder were recaptured during their first year at large. In the 1980s that number declined to only 6 out of 100 tagged flounder being recaptured, a very significant drop.

At a time when estimates of the recreational landings of winter flounder in New York State are at a very high level, this decline in the numbers of recaptured flounder seems somewhat unexpected. The lower number of recaptures may be due to changes in the level of abundance of local flounder populations, or perhaps may be a reflection of changes in fishing effort on the part of the recreational fishery itself. For example, in 1938, recreational landings of winter flounder in western Long Island Sound accounted for almost 40 percent of the total catch of flounder by anglers. Today, that effort may have shifted to the east end and south shore bays,w hich may now be more attractive as flounder fishing areas due to their increased accessibility and better quality (larger-sized fish) fishery.

While some changes are apparent since the 1940s, it is also worthwhile to note that some things have remained the same. The distribution of fishing activity by gear in Long Island Sound, as depicted by tag returns, has remained essentially the same since the 1940s with commercial returns primarily from the eastern Sound, and recreational returns predominating in the western Sound. The majority of the recaptures, however, are still taken, as in the 1940s, by recreational fishermen.

In view of the important role of sport anglers in the flounder fishery, a minimum size limit for winter flounder was recently enacted by the New York State Legislature. Effective November 1, 1986, it became illegal to possess any winter flounder less than 8 inches total length. It is hoped that this legislation will encourage wise use of one of New York's most important resources.

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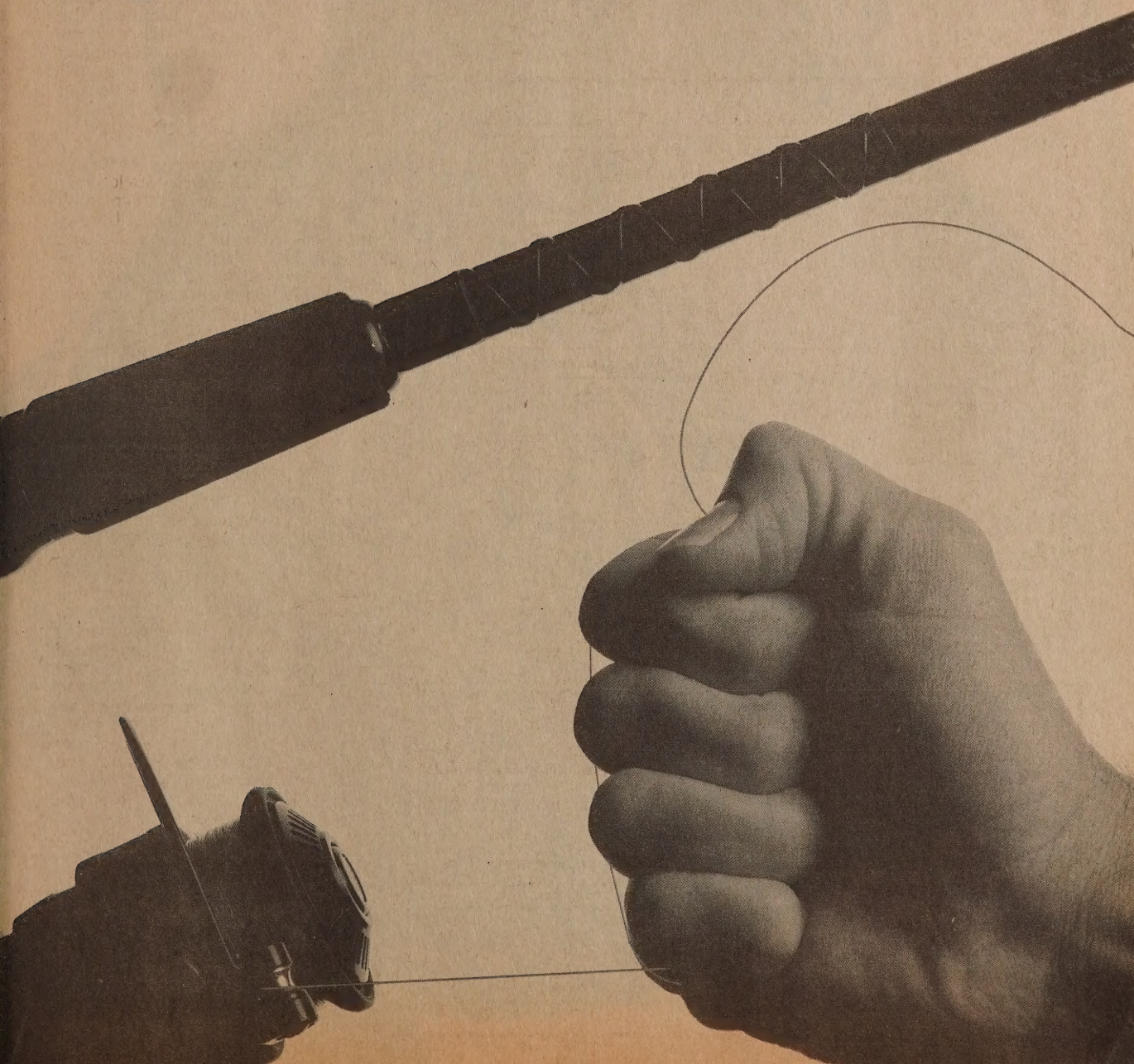

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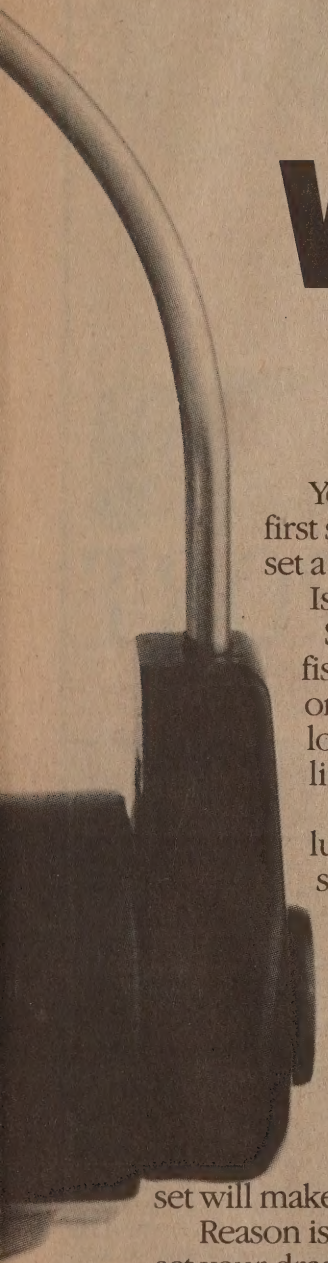

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TIGER MUSKY REPORT

by Tom Schlichter

Freshwater fans face a new challenge in Lake Ronkonkoma thanks to an ambitious undertaking by DEC.

Long Island anglers who have followed with interest the institution of a tiger muskie stocking program in Lake Ronkonkoma will be thrilled to know that the first dividends from this program are now being reaped. Last December, the first legal tiger was taken by Richard Saulino of Lake Ronkonkoma—a whopping 14 lbs. 3 oz.! With the first class of stocked tigers now above the legal limit of 30 inches, I think it's time we took a good look at the program and examined some ideas on how to meet up with these trophy predators. But first a little background information.

First stocked in New York waters in 1968, the tiger muskie was originally called a norlunge. It is, in actuality, a cross between a male northern pike and a female muskelunge. A very impressive looking species, they are similar in appearance to both parents, however, they differ in color pattern. Whereas the pike is generally dark green with white spots and the muskie green to off-brown, the tiger sports a series of light white or yellow stripes on a dark or bright green flank. The stripes resemble those of a tiger in design, thus the monicker. Although most tigers that anglers catch are stocked fish, this species does occur naturally in the wild where pike and muskies inhabit the same waters. In New York State, this may occur in the Allegheny and St. Lawrence Rivers. Since the tigers are sterile, they do not reproduce and thus "native" fish are extremely rare. The current world record for this species is 51.3 lbs. and was taken way back in July, 1919—well before any stockings took place. The New York State record is 29 lbs. 3 oz. and was taken from Long Pond by Ted A. Hissin. This lunker was a stockie and proves that the stocked fish can also grow very large. According to Charles Guthrie, Senior Aquatic Biologist for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on Long Island, one might expect the tigers to attain a weight between that of the two parents. Muskies have been recorded weighing over 69 lbs. and the current world record for northern pike is 46 lbs. 2 oz. Thus, it would be fair to assume that the world record tiger was not a fluke and others have the potential to reach a weight of 50 pounds!

According to Pat Festa, Statewide Warm Water Fisheries Coordinator for the DEC, the tiger muskie program is designed to provide anglers with the chance to catch a few trophy freshwater fish. Stocking rates are around six fish per acre with the hope that, eventually, we will have approximately one legal sized tiger per two acres of water stocked. This rate will never lead to anglers catching several fish per day, but it should allow enough fish to be harvested to provide anglers with some real surprises during the course of the season.

When the tiger muskie program first got under way here on the Island, two lakes were selected as suitable for the stocking program: Hempstead Lake and Lake Ronkonkoma. In addition to the fact that these waters had qualities conducive to tiger muskie growth, they were chosen on the basis that the muskies could be used to help bring under control the overpopulated, stunted panfish in each lake.

Hempstead Lake received the first two stockings, consisting of 2,500 fingerling muskies each in 1981 and 1982. However, the program was discontinued at this location after the 1982 stocking. The biggest reason for the termination of stocking on this lake had to do with its large fluctua-

tions in water level. Fed mostly by groundwater, the installation of sewers in the local towns resulted in lower lake levels. There was little the DEC could do to rectify this problem and the onset of drought that summer did little to help alleviate the situation. With the receding water, much of what might have been considered prime tiger muskie habitat was left exposed and thus, a lack of suitable cover also posed a hindrance to the establishment of this alien species. Lastly, despite the fact that 5000 muskies were introduced to the lake over a two-year period, there have to this day been no documented landings. It is possible that there are still a few tigers swimming about in these waters, and if they are they would by now certainly be quite large, but despite occasional reports of a "big one that got away," none have been brought in and the DEC considers the likelihood of one being taken as very remote.

From its first stocking in 1982, Lake Ronkonkoma seemed to show greater potential. The lake was deeper than Hempstead Lake and despite a widely fluctuating water level, provided plenty of deep water in which the tigers could take refuge. The first planting of tigers consisted of 1,500 five to six inch fingerlings. These fish were less than a year old. During 1983-1984, there were no stockings as the hatchery where the fish are raised was undergoing a renovation. The effort paid off handsomely, however, as the same aged stocked fish in 1985 measured 9 to 10 inches at the time of stocking.

Whereas none of the fish that were stocked in Hempstead Lake have ever been accounted for, the tiger muskies of Ronkonkoma have shown up from time to time—often enough to provide hope that this species can successfully establish itself in this glacial lake. To date, confirmed sightings and reports include two fish electo-shocked during routine samplings of the lake, four sub-legal fish caught and released, one legal sized tiger and approximately 5 fish that were hooked and positively identified before slipping the hook or breaking off at boatside. What's more, those fish that have been examined, have demonstrated an excellent growth rate and indications are that they have, to a large degree, been foraging on the stunted white and yellow perch as was intended—not on largemouth bass as some had feared. Lastly, although Ronkonkoma does not contain a tremendous amount of cover, there does seem to at least be enough to hold a resident population of fish (and with the "brush pile boys" occasionally adding their own "stick ups" there is likely even more structure than most people realize).

As you may have already surmised, the tiger muskie grows quickly. According to Charles Guthrie, the average fish stocked in 1982 should by now be roughly 31 to 34 inches long and weigh in the neighborhood of 14 lbs. Fish from the 1985 year class are likely to weigh 2 to 3 lbs. and measure 20 to 25 inches in length. The most recently stocked fish, those from last fall, should average about 11 to 15 inches long by the time this article goes to press.

Richard Saulino's 14 pound 3 ounce tiger musky was the first above the legal 30 inch size limit taken from Lake Ronkonkoma.

As far as survival of each stocking is concerned, it's hard to estimate because the tigers are difficult to sample. Angler encounters have been low in number and the fish are high ly resistant to (or manage to avoid) the electro-shocking sampling gear used by the DEC. Guthrie feels that as many as 10 percent (150 fish) of the 1982 year class could still be swimming in Lake Ronkonkoma but notes that the rate is more likely to run about five percent (75 fish). So far, he is pleased with these results. According to him, the program is on schedule and the results obtained are about what should be expected at this point in time. For now, at least, plans are to continue stocking on a yearly basis. 1987 will see at least 75,000 tiger muskies stocked in a total of 46 waters statewide.

The long term future of the program is somewhat hazy. Statewide, over 140,000 tigers have been stocked. Last season 50 catches were

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reported: 20 of these fish came from the waters of Canadarago Lake and the Mohawk River. With such a small return, there is the possibility that, if catches do not increase over the next several seasons, the program could be reconsidered in the 1990s. At this time, however, the lack of reported tiger muskie catchings are being attributed to a still developing fishery that is not yet mature, lack of anglers fishing specifically for the tigers and others catching the fish, but who are unaware that they should be reported whenever encountered. Presently, methods of recording and documenting catches of the tigers are being examined and we will keep you up-to-date on any further information regarding this.

Both Charlie Guthrie and Rich Saulino agree that one of the major reasons so few tigers have been caught in Lake Ronkonkoma is that anglers have been reluctant to target the big fish exclusively. Having not seen or even heard of many tigers taken, most anglers are unwilling to invest the large amount of time necessary to prospect for these fish. Most would-be tiger muskie anglers to whom I've spoken have hedged their bets by fishing with baits and lures larger than they might normally use, but still small enough to catch a 2 to 3 lb. largemouth. It's not likely that such offerings would attract a predator the size of a 1982 class tiger muskie. These fish would easily be capable of inhaling a 12 to 13 inch baitfish if they felt so inclined. Why would they even bother with a 3 inch Rebel, small spinnerbait, or 6 inch plastic worm? It would be inefficient for them to feed on objects so small.

The story behind the tiger that Ray Saulino caught is really quite interesting. Ray decided to dedicate himself to catching a tiger and went about his task in earnest. The first thing he did was to call Charlie Guthrie at his DEC office and inform him that he was going to make a serious attempt to catch a tiger. The plan was to fish Lake Ronkonkoma thoroughly with tigers the only thought on his mind. Ray was allotting himself one month to connect. Approximately two weeks later, the phone rang in Guthrie's office and a happy Ray explained that on the second day of his quest, he had succeeded!

It was while fishing alongside the boat of his friend Bill Bartik that Ray connected. The pair of anglers had been working in 12 to 14 feet of water along the length of a west end ridge. The recorder showed bait, but nothing unusual for that area. Ray had been using two rods: one rigged with a large, live shiner which was dead-sticked from the stern; the other worked ahead of the boat with a homemade jig. It was on the jig that he suddenly felt a resistance and set the hook. The rod took on a deep bend and he could feel the slow thumps of a large fish at the end of the line.

At first he thought he might have accidently snagged one of the many

large carp which inhabit the lake. The fish was moving forcefully but sluggishly as carp often do. Then, suddenly, the fish took off on a run so powerful and fast that he knew immediately it could only be a tiger. According to Ray, the fish ran about 30 feet, turned and dove straight to the bottom where it stopped. Then, without warning, the fish suddenly exploded from the depths right alongside Bartik's boat. It jumped completely out of the water, gills flared and head shaking. Its face was covered in mud as it had apparently tried to dislodge the jig on the silty bottom. Upon its reentry, the huge fish again bolted for the bottom, leaving a muddy cloud to slowly disperse at the surface. Ray quickly lightened up on his drag setting and began the task of tiring out the fish. Five times the jump and dive scenario was repeated as the fish struggled, towing the boat more than 60 feet in the process. Finally, the tiger came to surface again but this time, rather than leap, it bore full speed under the boat, rolling at the surface on the opposite side. This too, it dared five times, each worrying the angler that his line would part along the keel. As the fish prepared to shoot under the boat for a sixth time, Bartik tossed Ray a net from his boat and the angler placed it under the gunnel, exactly where the fish had bolted each of th last five runs. The fish turned quickly and blasted again toward the boat, this time driving deep into the mesh. The saga was ended. Ronkonkoma's first legal muskie had been landed. It was officially weighed in at Pine Grove Outfitters, in Ronkonkoma.

What steps should you take to increase your chances of a tiger muskie encounter? Well, between Charlie Guthrie and Ray Saulino, the following points seem to be key. First of all, forget the bass and panfish and fish strictly for the tigers. Use big baits or large lures and fish in water deeper than you might normally ply. Also, Pat Festa notes that the tigers are more light sensitive than are the pickerel that Long Islanders are used to working. Thus, anglers should look for cover in 5 to 8 feet of water that blocks light, rather than working cover that just sits on the bottom in clear water. Expect to do a lot of work and spend quite a bit of time trying out your theories before connecting. (Most muskelunge fishermen figure one legal sized fish per ten thousand casts is a fair ratio.)

Reading up on muskie and northern pike fishing techniques may also prove beneficial. Since this breed of fish is a cross between these two gamesters, it makes sense to expect the fish to feed in a somewhat similar manner. There have been quite a few books written on the muskies and national magazines often carry articles on pike fishing. Articles on Long Island pickerel fishing may also provide some additional insight.

Although both Festa and Guthrie noted that tigers can be taken throughout the season, northern pike and muskelunge are notorious cool weather feeders. Spring and fall are best for these species and probably will be for the tigers, too. Ray took his fish when the water temperature was 40 degrees on the surface and 39.6 degrees on the bottom (12'). Such temperatures would be considered in the comfort zone of pickerel, pike and muskies and thus, probably the tiger's too.

Finally, be prepared for the encounter when it finally arrives. Leave the 6 pound test lines at home and consider using a 12 to 24 inch wire leader ahead of your bait or lure. Like its parents, the tiger muskie has a nasty set of teeth that could slice throlugh 20 lb. test line as easily as it it were silk from a spider's web. Twelve pound test gear and a rod of medium taper **should** be adequate.

Remember, the season for tiger muskies runs from the first Saturday in May to March 15th. The minimum length is 30 inches and you may only take one fish per day. If you should be lucky enough to catch one, have it weighed at a tackle shop and contact Charles Guthrie at the DEC's Stony Brook office. His phone number is (516) 751-1596. If the fish is not large enough to keep, measure it or estimate its length and release it as carefully as possible. As with legal sized fish, shorts should also be reported. Remember, keeping the DEC informed of any encounters with the tigers may help perpetuate the program.

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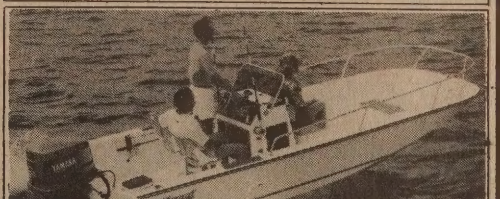
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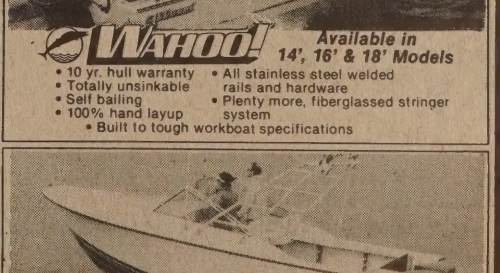

North Coast

THE IDEAL BOAT

by Pete Barrett

The "Ripper" - a 28 Mako center console rigged for inshore and offshore action.

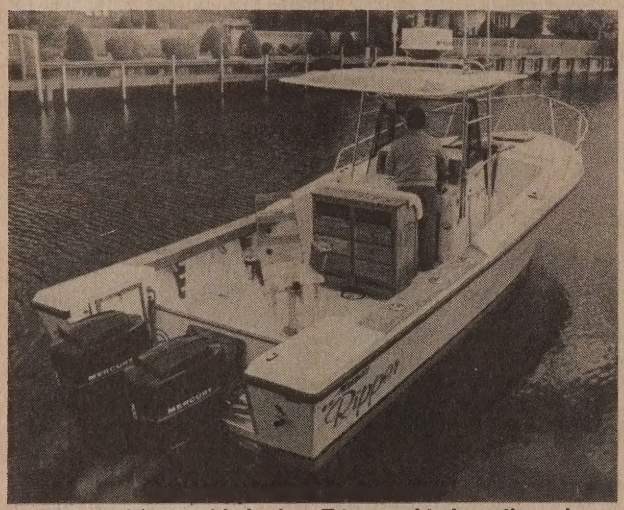
In his search for the "ideal" fishing machine John Galeani has bought and sold several boats during his fishing career. "Like a lot of fishermen," he says, "I owned boats that were good and bad, some were better than others, some were better to fish from than others. After spending a lot of time on the water I knew what I wanted in a boat; I just had to find it."

His solution came in the Mako 284 Center Console. John purchased his boat, named the Ripper, back in 1985 and is now ready to start his third season with the boat. "It's been great to fish from. I like the center console design because you gain a lot of fishing space up forward and along the full length of the sides. It's great for fluking, for blues and for sharks."

"I really wanted as much fishing room as possible and the center console is just about perfect for me. My fishing takes me from anchoring on hard bottom for blackfish, to drifting for fluke, trolling or chumming for blues, drifting for sharks and working the offshore waters for tuna by trolling and/or chunking."

"The 284 particularly caught my eye because of the wide beam. This boat has cockpit space like you wouldn't believe and that was an important factor for me. I considered a slightly smaller boat, say a 25 footer, but I would have lost the wider beam in the smaller boat. The 28 is 9' 10" across the transom and when you are in the boat, she feels much bigger than 28 feet. There's room everywhere."

Fuel economy was also an important factor for John and he has carefully monitored the amount of fuel he burns while cruising. The pair of



Fitted with a tackle locker, T-top and twin outboards, this Mako is a formidable fishing machine.

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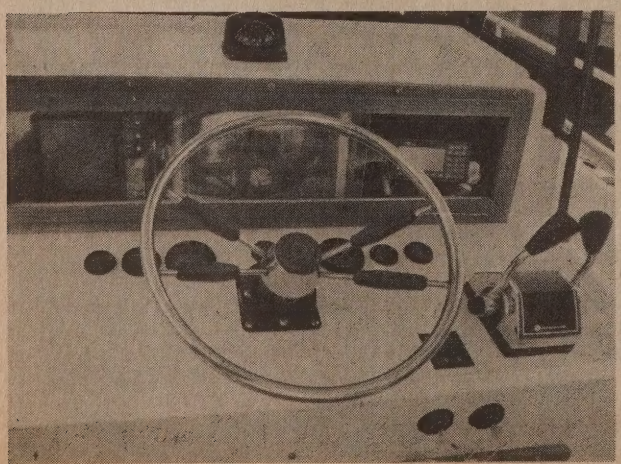

The console electronics compartment is large enough to mount the radar and Loran plus all gauges.

The radio box under the T-top holds the VHF and CB radios, plus the recorder.

Mercury 200 horsepower, oil injected outboards are burning approximately 18 gallons per hour at a fast cruise in the mid-30 knot range. "Actual speed changes with the water conditions," says John, "but I can usually maintain the 30 knots in all but the worse of ocean conditions." Top speed; according to John is 42 knots.

"The center console is positioned nicely on this boat since it is mounted on the deck slightly more forward than you find on many other center consoles. This gives as much room in the cockpit as is possible." John took excellent advantage of this space by mounting a tackle locker as the seat behind the console. It houses all his tackle including lures, rigs, tools, leaders, hooks and extra fishing gear.

"The seat was sitting in the wood shop at a local marina being used for a work table." It didn't take much to convince them to part with it and with a little clean up work John turned the work bench into a beautiful tackle locker. The teak work is nicely done and the locker adds to the fishability of his boat.

The cockpit is large enough to mount a fight chair without losing much fishing space. His chair was made by Carl Johnson and the teak nicely matches the locker.

Other custom goodies include an aluminum T-Top with a small arch built in to mount the radar. An electronics box is mounted on the underside of the top and holds the VHF and CB radios, plus some smaller electronics.

The full compliment of electronics is rounded out with a Furuno 1700 Raster scan radar, a Lowrance X-15 recorder, Lowrance 3400 digital depth finder, Dytek 500 temperature gauge, a King Marine 8001 Loran C and an EPIRB.

Storage is no problem at all on the Ripper. The small cuddy cabin holds rods and anchoring gear, the console holds safety gear and foul weather suits and, of course, the tackle locker holds all the small stuff. Rod storage is by teak racks under the gun'ls which hold 3 rods per side. Twelve more rods are suspended from the overhead in the cabin, plus the tackle locker holds 5 more.

John Galeani is pleased with the Ripper. There's low maintenance, it's easy to handle for one man, it's versatile enough to fish inshore and offshore, it can take two men or 6 men with no loss of fishing room and it runs well in most sea conditions with good fuel economy. This is one man's version of The Ideal Boat.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of stories about unique boats that our readers have customized to suit their fishing needs. Additional boats will appear from time to time and we welcome comments from readers who feel that they have a boat that is more than just a typical factory rigged boat. From aluminum skiffs to canyon runners, let's hear from you. Space will be limited to covering about six boats each year.

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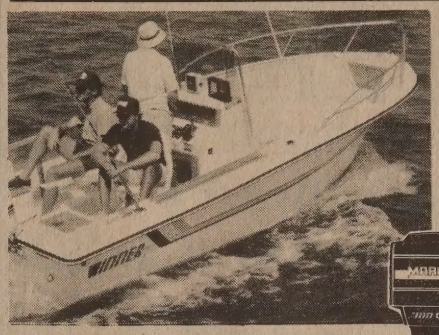

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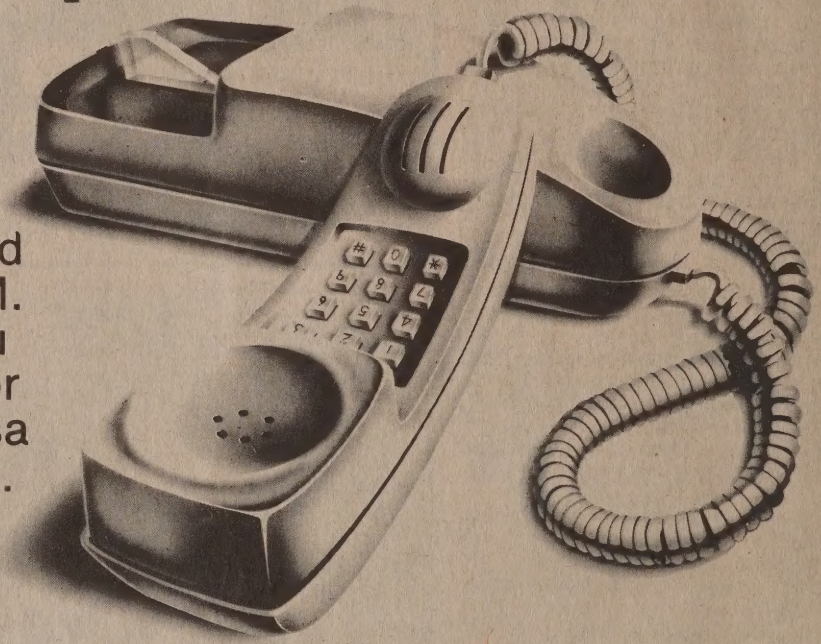

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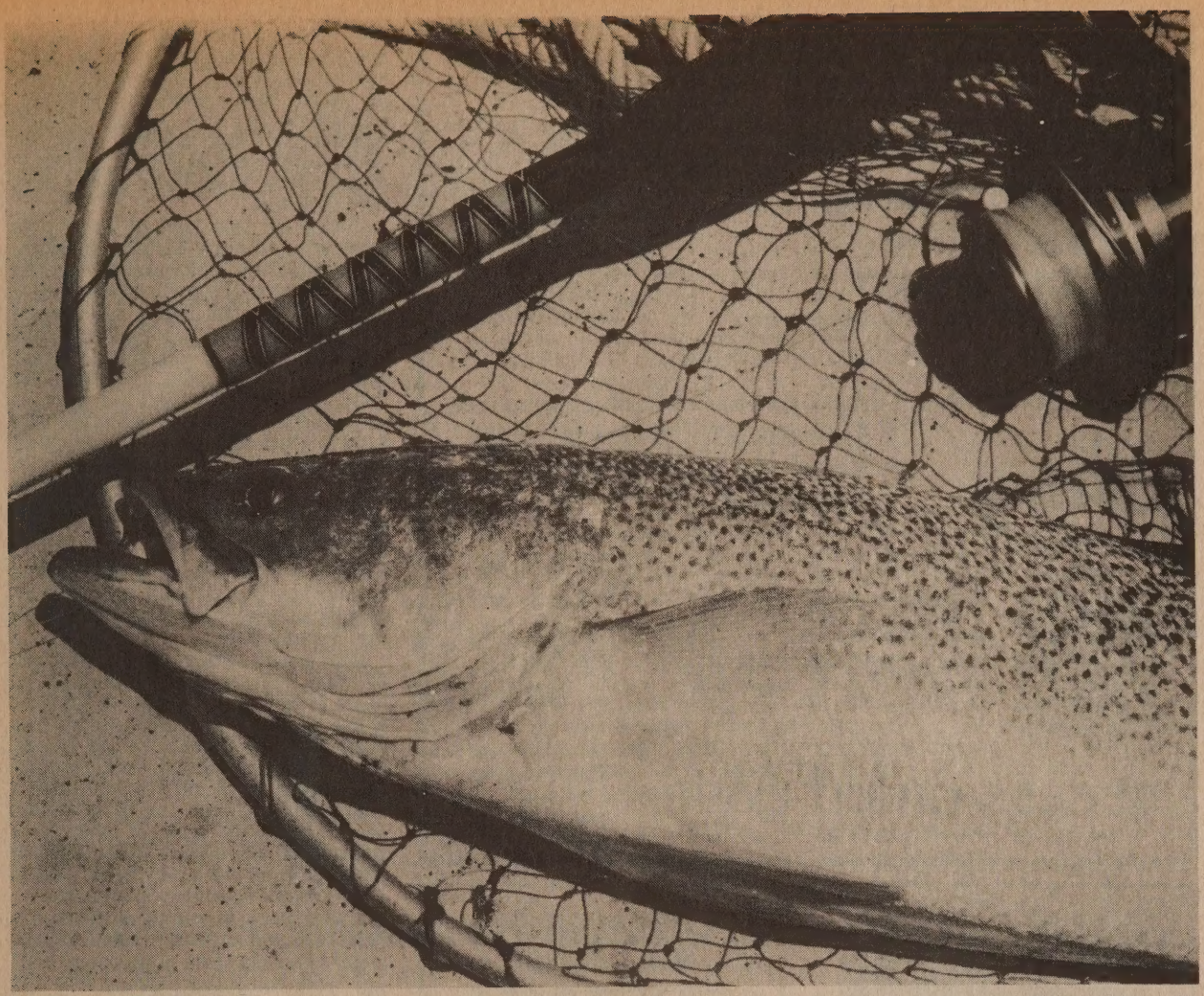

GEARING UP FOR SPRING WEAKS

by Brian Mulholland

Some kinds of fishing have a limited season. Winter weather may inhibit you from frequent pursuit of cold water species like cod. Other fish come within reach of anglers for a short period, like snowshoe flounder. They may overlap in availability with other fish that make it hard to pick out the ones you really want.

Weakfishing does not suffer from the first drawback, but it sure does suffer from the other two. The big weakfish that I spend the winter months anticipating are available and accessible for only three or four weeks of the year. My personal season is less than that; I go when the party boats permit, not necessarily when th weaks are running. The season ends when the bluefish move in and the party boats switch over. Even before that, hordes of small blues can make it difficult to get at the weakfish. As a practical matter, if you want to chase weakfish you're going to do it in May. After that most of them are taken as an incidental reward by bluefishermen.

So if there's any particular game fish for which you should make your tackle preparations in advance, it's the weakfish. The season is so damn short, if you miss two weekends in a row you could very well miss the season in both Great South Bay and in the Peconics. If you find out on one trip that your tackle or technique is deficient, you may have to wait until next season to do better.

Pre-season preparation is important because Great South Bay, the Peconics and the North Shore are distinctive angling environments. What works in Great South Bay isn't practical in the Peconics. Therefore, it's a good idea to open the tackle box early and make sure that everything's ready for May.

Great South Bay is a specialized environment controlled for angling purposes by shallow depths and flat and channel bottom. The standard operating procedure on party boats

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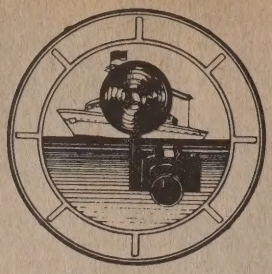

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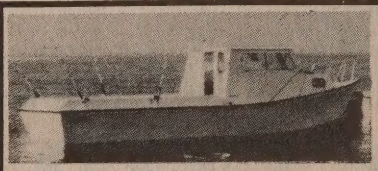

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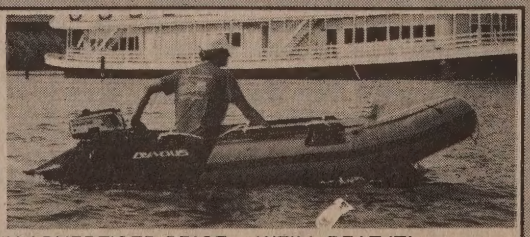

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and most private craft is to cast a jellyworm on a jig head into the drift, and fish it as close to the bottom and as slowly as is physically possible. Placement in the water column matters more than anything else; the wrong lure fished along the bottom is much better than the "right" lure fished on top.

Tackle for this kind of angling is pleasantly uncomplicated. Medium weight spinning tackle works fine and is preferred if you want to cast fragile sand worms. The tackle box should include jellyworms in the usual 6 or 9 inch sizes and an assortment of jig heads up to an ounce. You may need heavy jig heads if wind and current are at odds in order to maintain that bottom scratching approach. For that same reason, a back-up spool of light line is a good idea. It will let you fish a small payload close to the bottom more easily than thicker and heavier line and this can matter when the water is clear and the sky is bright. Some shrimp tail or curly tail lures supplement the jellyworms nicely, especially in the small sizes.

One small refinement overlooked by most jellyworm casters is a tail hook. A #2 Sproat or Claw at the rear of the jellyworm will pick up fish that would otherwise escape. Use a long needle, run 20 pound mono through the worm's body and you will have a neat package. The use of a needle permits you to connect the hook without having loops of monofilament sticking out of the worm body; they'll snag the tail hook during the cast.

If you carry a second outfit, it's a good idea to have it rigged with a small tin squid of an ounce or so (007 jigs work nicely here). Any fish you see on the surface are more likely to be blues than weaks anyway and a tin squid will give you a few fast fish for the pot that might otherwise snip up your jellyworms and get away. For the sake of speed, my second outfit is filled with 20 pound mono, which permits you to boat a small spring blue in a hurry. If by chance I cast to active fish on the surface and my tin squid settles undisturbed, I'll fish it slowly back to the boat. There may be weakfish under the bluefish.

Go to the Peconics and you're in another world. The first change you may want to make is in apparel. The Peconics stay cold longer than Great South Bay and this makes a difference in air temperature once the sun has gone down. Dress warmly.

Normal procedure in the Peconics is to fish slices of squid on a hook two or three feet off the bottom. Tidal currents are severe enough so that you will often need at least 6 ounces to hold botom with 20 pound line even in modest depths. Eight ounces is about "normal" for 20 pound line, and thicker line increases the necessary weight. The spinning gear that works so well in Great South Bay would be out of place for this fishing. You don't have to cast, but you do have to hold bottom and a medium action conventional outfit will work fine.

Bring a few porgy hooks. Most of the Peconic party boats depart in late afternoon and start fishing an hour or two before dark. The first bites are usually those of bait-stealing porgies, sometimes of nice size. It's fun to put a few good porgies in the bucket before settling down to serious weakfishing.

Anglers who are driving to the Peconics from Western Suffolk or Nassau should take note of the distance involved. Quite apart from travel time, you're covering enough ground to move into a different weather system. A prudent fisherman brings his foul weather gear with him wherever he goes, but when you're going this far you have an extra incentive to do so. You also have added incentive to call the boat and verify that the captain intends to sail on the schedule in the ads.

The North Shore has a different calendar. You can get some weakfish in Great South Bay or the Peconics before the bluefish arrive, but on the North Shore the party boat schedule is controlled by blackfish and porgies. By the time they start looking for anything else, the blues are in solid.

I haven't seen anyone fish bait on the bottom for weakfish in the same fashion as a Peconic party boat. People who have their own boats should give it a try. There's no reason to think it wouldn't work, but none of the party boats do business this way. More often weaks are taken by bluefish jiggers, who try and pick weaks by dragging a jig along the bottom rather than working it briskly for blues. There are a number of places, such as the Nissequogoe River dropoff and the shoals off Port Jefferson, where private craft and party boats alike fish by drifting across a dropoff. You need to cast at times and you certainly need to be able to work a jig. The water might be shallow enough for you to reach the blues and weaks with spinning tackle, but it isn't an efficient way to go. On the other hand, the kind of tackle you see out of Freeport isn't necessary, because you need to cast. Since a compromise between jigging power and casting ability is called for, an ideal outfit might be a mid-size baitcaster with 15 to 20 pound line. That kind of reel would also serve for the Peconics, so we're really talking about two different outfits, not three: a medium spinning rod with 6 and 12 pound spools of line for shallow water jellyworm angling, and a husky baitcaster with 20 pound line for the Peconics and the North Shore.

Out of Greenport or Sag Harbor, terminal tackle is simple: sinkers and a hook. I like the Siwash or Beak in 3/0 to 5/0 for this fishing. On the North Shore, the standard weapon is a diamond jig, Bait Tail or an occasional bucktail. Diamond jigging takes more weakfish over the course of the season. A 2 or 3 ounce jig is the lure of choice and a white surgical tube or jellyworm increases weakfish appeal after dark. Bait Tails or Nordic Eels are also popular with a lot of anglers who want to try for weaks amidst the blues. Drag your jig or lead head slowly along the bottom.

There are a couple of rules of thumb that apply wherever you go. Bait always helps and nothing compares in weakfish appeal to a fresh sandworm. Squid strips are a good second and are a lot easier to keep in the refrigerator. Also, it's a good idea to have extra outerwear with you because this is spring fishing, after all, and there may be some chilly rain leftover from April just waiting to drip down your neck if you leave the parka home.

The best weakfishing in any of these locales often takes place at night, less so on the Sound, and this requires the use of a well equipped sportfisherman or party boat. I love my weakfishing, but only a fool would fish a dark skiff after dark. Even if you are a gifted small boat navigator, the risk of collision with some fast moving boat is too great. Besides, fishing stations usually want their property back before dark.

It's also nice to have the camera. Shutterbugs take notice: Great South and Peconic Bay weakfish party boat trips start in the afternoon and spill into the evening, so it's a good idea to try for a dramatic sunset. Check the camera and see if the battery is still okay and replace it if it's weak!

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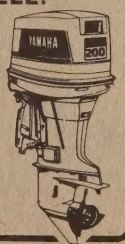

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FLY FISHING BASICS

Part Two—by Fred Laager

The author concludes his treatise on the basics of this artful form of angling with this week's segment.

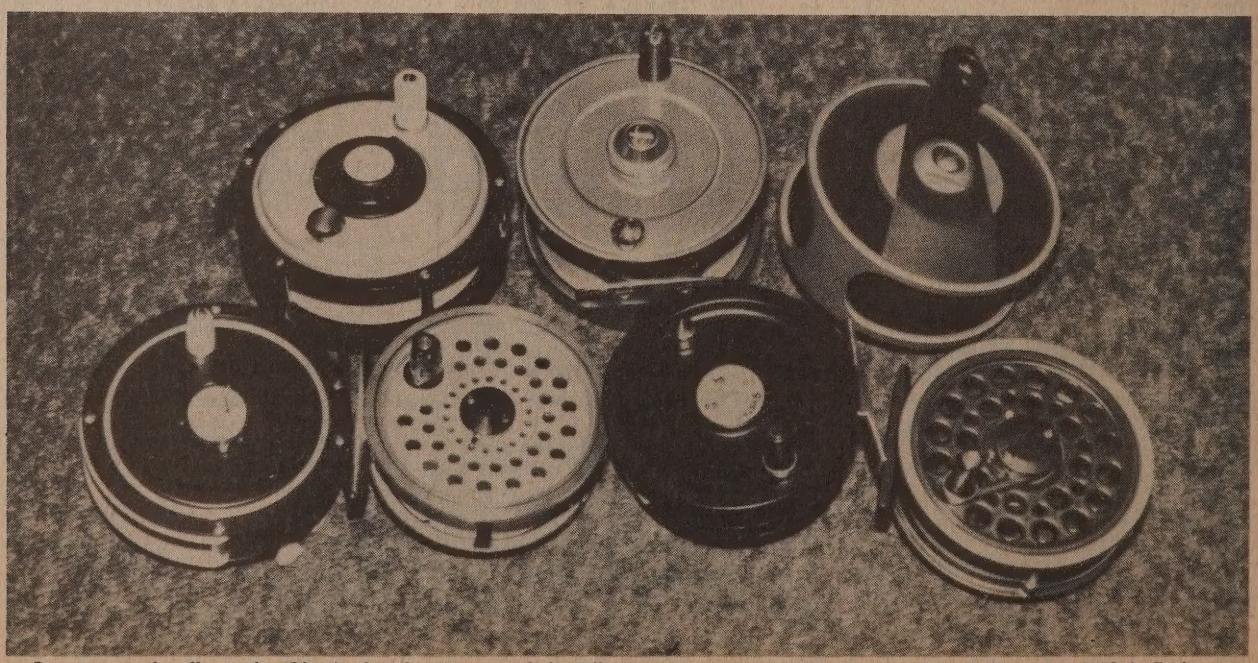
Hopefully, last week's article on the dynamics of fly line dispelled some of the mysteries that some readers might have had concerning the sport of fly fishing. In fact, if one truly feels confident in choosing a fly line; if one truly knows and understands the importance of line weight, taper and function in relation to specific kinds of fishing, then choosing the remaining elements of a balanced fishing outfit should be a very simple task.

Having chosen the line you will need for your type of fishing, the next thing on your list should be a good rod and then, the reel. If, for instance, you had chosen a 6 weight line in a floating weight forward taper, a WF-6-F, a line good for most trout work, the rod you should be looking for should read AFTMA No. 6 on the shaft just in front of the foregrip or thereabouts. This rating means that this particular rod will work its best with a 6 weight line or, a line weighing 160 grains in the first "working" 30 feet of line.

But what is meant by a rod working its best? Every rod, whether it is a spinning rod, baitcaster or fly rod can throw a maximum size lure weight before the rod starts flexing to the point of breaking. In fly rods, however, the lure weight is actually the line weight because the lure or fly has virtually no mass itself. A 6 weight rod then is bending all it can or is said to be "fully loaded" when casting a 6 weight line. In fact, the rod was rated at the factory of its origin as being fully loaded with exactly half of a 6 weight fly line clear of the rod tip. Having half the line clear of the tip is the basis for the rating because most fishing is done with only half the line clear of the rod tip performing average casts of 40 to 50 feet. In short, choose a rod that's rated for the line you have chosen.

But some soon-to-be fly fishing enthusiasts might already have a rod nestled somewhere waiting to be matched with an appropriate line. If that is the case, the rod must be similarly matched with the fly line it is rated for. If the rod is an old one; that is, if it was made prior to the Aftma rating system, then it should be taken to an expert who can tell you what line would best match the rod. An alternative to this method is trying various line weights on the rod until you find one that feels comfortable. This method, however, can become very costly with the price of various lines running between $15 and $25 apiece and it would be cheaper finding a fly fishing friend who would lend you a few lines to try out. Though it is best to buy the correct line for the rod, it isn't critical to be off by one number above or below the rod's rating or load factor. If, for instance, the rod was rated at being able to throw a specific weight line before being overloaded, that doesn't mean that it can't throw a lighter line or a heavier line. If a rod is rated for a 7 weight, it can cast a 6 or an 8 weight line with some modications. If a 6 weight is to be use, the rod will need more of the 6 weight line clear of the rod tip to properly load the rod. An 8 weight line would load the rod much faster than the 7 weight, but, if too much of the heavier line is stripped off the reel, the rod could overload and snap.

There are many brands of rods on the market today and almost all of them utilize graphite in their composition. Because graphite has a higher strength to weight ratio and less re-



Some popular fly reels. Clockwise from upper left: Pflueger Medalist 1499; Fin-Nor No. 4; Fenwick WC-8; Daiwa 858; Scientific Angler's System II Model 78; Daiwa 708, and Pflueger 1494. Top row are big water reels. Bottom are standard fly reels.

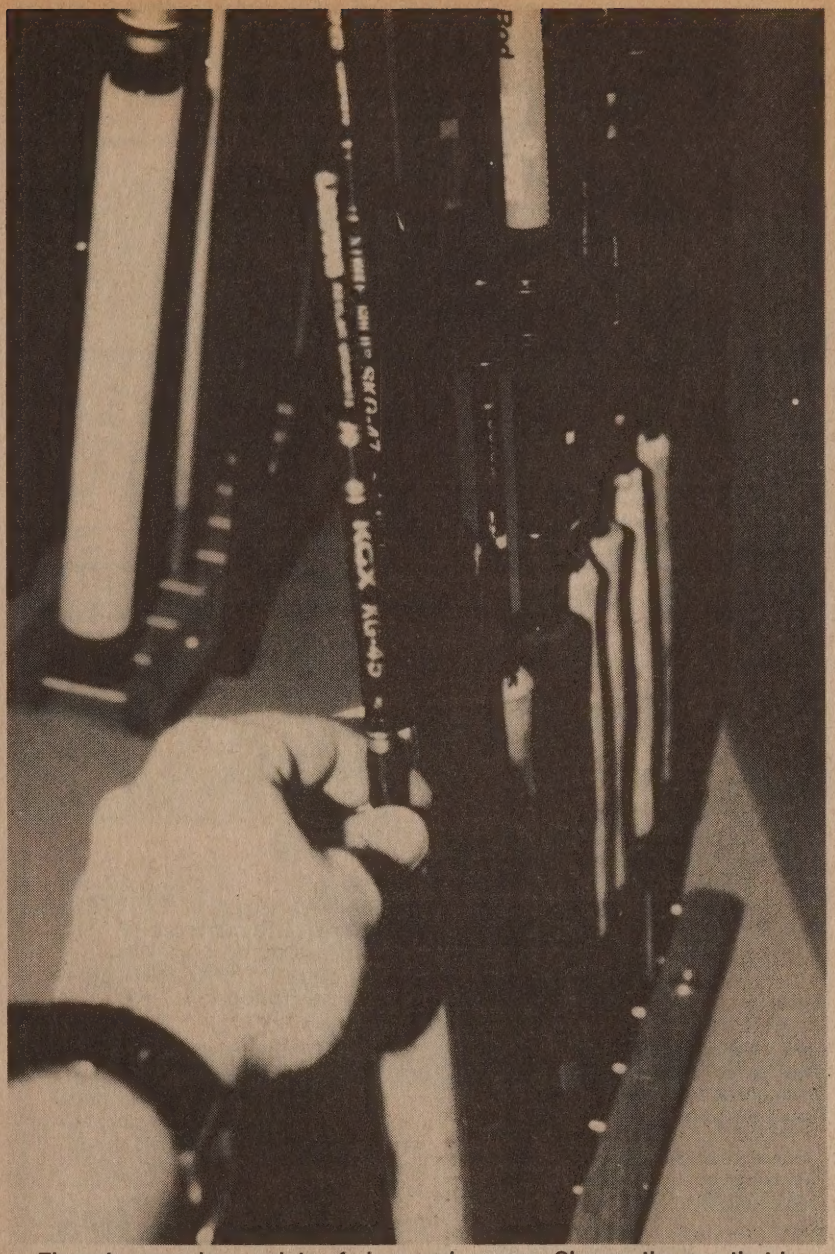
bound, casts are longer and sensitivity is increased. Fiberglass rods are a bit out of vogue nowadays for they tend to be heavy and, because their actions are similar to a wet noodle, they cast a very poor loop that lacks aerodynamics. Split bamboo rods, once the favorite choice among fly rodders, now carry a price tag with three digits and are more suited for collectors than fishermen.

The length of a rod is another consideration and rods that are rated for the same weight line might vary in length of up to two feet due to the combination of materials used in their construction or due to variations in the manufacturing process. I prefer to use the longest rod I can find for any particular fly line because longer rods make line manipulation easier and absorb more impact when a fish darts or jumps.

But long rods can't be used in all situations. Brook trout fishing under a dense canopy necessitates the use of a small rod if the angler wants to do any kind of conventional casting; that is, any casting of at least 10 to 20 feet. The problem, however, is that conventional casting is almost impossible in good brook trout cover where branches entangle the stream in a maze of obstruction. Rather, the method often employed in this kinjd of fishing is "dapping" or letting the fly dip to the surface while the angler remains hidden on the bank. In this kind of fishing a longer rod helps, rather than hinders, success. Any 7½ foot rod is a good choice for small creek fishing and can even handle close quarters on a larger river.

When fishing in relatively open areas such as when wading a large river, a shallow lake or the shoreline of an ocean or bay, the longer rod enables the angler to keep more line off the surface of the water increasing sensitivity and line control. Also, when a fish jumps there is a lot of subtle flex in a long wand that is there to absorb the jerking motion of the fish. When fishing from a boat, fish often dart from side to side underneath so it is an advantage to have a longer rod that can be thrust into the water keeping the line clear of the hull or the prop of the engine.

The third and last element of a balanced fly rod outfit is the reel. Having chosen the weight line you will be using, the next step is to pick a reel that will accept that weight line without overfilling the spool. To choose a reel that has too much capacity will only be adding non-essential bulk to the outfit which will dampen its sensitivity and increase arm fatigue when casting. The reel you purchase should hold all the fly line plus additional backing and the reel should always be filled to capacity. Filling the spool to the rim assures that the fly line will strip off the reel in large, manageable coils which will help avoid tangles and overrun. Line capacity information is supplied with all reels or it can be found in the manufacturer's catalog.



Fly rods come in a variety of sizes and powers. Choose the one that is rated for the fly line you are using.

Fly reels used for smaller species of fish (under 20 lbs.) don't do very much except hold line. In the sport of fly fishing one doesn't reel in a fish; rather, the line is stripped in by hand, and after the fish is creeled or released, the line is cranked back onto the reel for storage and manageability.

Reels for light tackle fishing come in a variety of styles, price ranges and quality and the better ones usually have more features which account for their higher hang tags. Generally, the bigger the fish you are after, the more quality you will need in the reel. Also, if you are a frequent visitor to rivers and lakes or if you fish just a bit more than most; if you are, in short, a dedicated partaker of piscatorial delights, then you will be better off spending a few extra dollars on a reel that will hold up to constant use and abuse.

Reels come in single, multiplying and automatic actions. Automatic fly reels wind themselves up as the line is stripped off the reel so that, upon pressing a lever, the line is pulled back onto the spool. Because of the spring mechanism in this kind of reel, drag is not consistent and weight is extreme. One is much better off choosing either the single action or the multiplier for any serious fishing.

Single action reels are generally lighter than their multiplying counterparts because they have less gearing in the housing. As the name implies, a single action reel is a 1:1 ratio while a multiplier is a 2:1 or a 3:1 and because there are less moving parts, a single action is easier to maintain and

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less expensive. Multipliers, however, get line out of the way twice as fast and don't tend to wobble as much as a single action because the RPM of the handle assembly is half or one-third that of the single action reel. I prefer a double action for ease of line control and rely on my fingers for any drag that needs to be applied to the line.

When looking for a good fly reel, it is a good practice to look inside before your buy. Check out the components to see if they are quality materials such as brass and stainless steel and check to see how the drag is constructed. Most inexpensive fly reels have a pawl system which is not meant to be used to fight the fish, but is designed to prevent overrun or bird's-nesting when stripping line off the reel. Some other reels utilize a break pad system, much like the drum brakes on a car. This system tends to be quieter than the pawl kind but a bit more expensive. Also, brake pad reels are mostly found in single actions unless you want to spend a small fortune and buy some exotic beauties. Generally, one wants to look for a reel that applies drag in only one direction (as the line is being pulled off the reel), a reel that is quiet and won't disturb the solitude of your surroundings, a reel that is well balanced, well made, relatively simple to maintain and has a wide range of drag increments. When you find the pearl that fills this description, buy it! It's worth every penny you spend.

If you are contemplating getting into big water fly fishing and tackling fish in weights over 20 lbs., you will need a reel that has a conventional drag system. But be prepared to spend $100 or so for features such as an anti-reverse; click-on/click-off, solid bar stock construction and multi-element drag. If you want to cut corners a bit, look for a reel that has a palming spool. A palming spool is the exposed rim of the spool which runs on an external tract. This allows drag to be applied directly to the spool by holding your palm against the spool or by pressing the rim against your shirt or pant's leg. Though a reel with a palming spool can account for fish in the 50 lb. class on occasion, it is totally inadequate for larger fish unless used by an expert and even then, the reel would not hold up for long.

And that's all there is to putting together a well-balanced fly fishing outfit. Choose a line that is suited to the kind of fishing you will be doing and then buy a matching rod and reel. Of course, there are other elements to the sport that have not been discussed such as leader construction, proper casting techniques and most importantly, the ability to choose the proper fly, but all of these things will naturally follow as the angler becomes more proficient in the sport. Remember, no man is born an angler. The skills of the fly fisherman must be learned and cultivated and having a well balanced outfit is a good way to start on the road to proficiency.

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

With the exception of the continuation of the spring codfish run, very little news came from the east end this past week. Many would be anglers stayed indoors rather than brave the winds and rain. However, reports of some flounder, with a few fluke, weaks and mackerel, combined with a decent weather forcast should encourage many exploratory trips this weekend.

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Although weather called off some cod charters, the **Bluefin IV** did manage to get out with the Kovacievic group on Wednesday, locating sixty-two codfish south of Block Island. Captain Michael Potts stated that hte heaviest cod weighed twenty-six and twenty-four pounds, and that the average size of the rest was better than previously. Saturday's heave on the ocean put down the catch, since seventeen cod were caught by the Sill's of Zionville, Pa. On Sunday, the Perez charter of four anglers returned with seventy cod, the largest nearly thirty pounds, caught with a twelve pound blackfish, on two anchor drops. About one third of the catch was on

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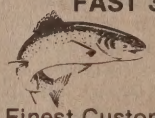

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Wind and rain muddied the waters in Lake Montauk, according to a spokesman for **Gone Fishing Marina**, inhibiting flounder catches, while a bad swell in the ocean prompted some charters to return early said June from **Montauk Marine Basin**.

Viking Star is scheduled to sail daily at 4 a.m. for local cod. Best call for reservations although no deposit is needed. **Viking Starship** is sailing each Monday and Friday at 7 p.m. for two day trips to Georges Banks. Reservations plus deposit is required, since some trips are sold out, it's best to reserve a spot early.

SOUTH FORK

Reports of flounder, a few fluke and hints of weaks and mackerel, were a bright spot in what began as a dull fishing weekend.

Dismal weather on Saturday, prompted the postponment of **Bayview Marine and Tackle**'s Annual Flounder Derby. The event has been rescheduled for this Saturday, April 25th. Chris Salb reported a nice catch of flounder, thirty-one, by Richie Bigler, and Rob and Steve Scagnetti, all from College Point. The trio used worms and mussels at Mashomac Point where the fish bit on a moving outgoing tide Saturday afternoon.

Twenty-eight anglers on the **Wilhelric II** picked at flounder at various drops made by Captain Clark Bellows on Wednesday. While the catch broke no records, flounder were caught at Petty's Bight, Orient, Conklin Point and South Ferry indicating fish on the move. A few days of bright sun should see a flounder blitz. Captain Artie Lach asked us to inform you that all tickets are sold for Sunday, April 26th.

Thom Speckenback heard continued rumors of flatties in Three Mile Harbor, although no one has stopped into **Speck's Bait and Tackle** to weigh

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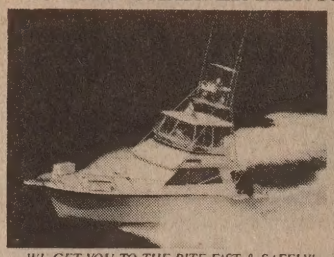

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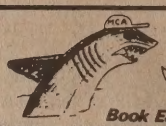

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South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Easter weekend proved to be a bust for many anglers. Rain and east winds the latter part of last week and Saturday may have been a factor. It certainly kept down angler effort. Sunday's nice weather provided little improvement in the flounder fishing however. Flatfishing in general was poor with a variety of excuses bandied about. Among them were the east winds, full moon, a glut of baby shrimp and fluctuating water temperatures. The bottom line is, it wasn't a very good weekend to be flounder fishing. Best bet for the flatties continues to be the western reaches of our reporting area with some decent catches made near Amityville and Gilgo in the State Channel. Mackerel have yet to arrive on the scene other than a few scattered forerunners (east winds and rough seas have hindered efforts), weakfish in any catchable amounts any flounder this past week. A ray of hope for an early weakfish season came with the first catches of some weaks in commercial traps in Shinnecock Bay.

Jim Taylor of **Blue Water Tackle** heard of a pick of flounder at Buoy 17 in Shinnecock Bay, also reports of some stripped bass in the Peconics off Sag Harbor. A cod trip to close-in ocean wrecks was unproductive.

Al Flexer reported very small, postage stamp, flounder in the Shinnecock Canal on the weekend, however, fluke, mostly small, have started moving through the canal. Wednesday's catch of six and Saturday's catch of eighteen, were all undersized. However, two keepers (fourteen and a half and fifteen inches) were counted among a dozen fluke which took **Al Feather's Jigs.**

are still a couple of weeks off, blackfish began to take hold with a few fish reported in scattered areas this week and finally the first sea robins were reported, harbingers of the first fluke.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Liz Sepulvedas at **L&M Marineland Fishing Station** in **East Moriches,** spoke of a very quiet week along their piece of waterfront. The weather played a big factor on Friday and Saturday in keeping anyone from sampling the local flounder action. The Station was closed on Easter Sunday. Fishing in the bay has been generally slow but those fish that are being taken are the finest kind.

Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** called the flounder fishing pretty spotty this week. No boats left the station on Friday or Saturday but there was an encouraging sign on Sunday when the first decent catch of flatties was made opposite Haven's Point. The fish which ranged from 1½ to 2 pounds were taken on the flood tide. Monday morning saw a boat return just prior to our calling with a dozen nice flatties taken near Buoy 29 on the last of the outgoing. Lots of chum is necessary if you're looking to put together any kind of catch.

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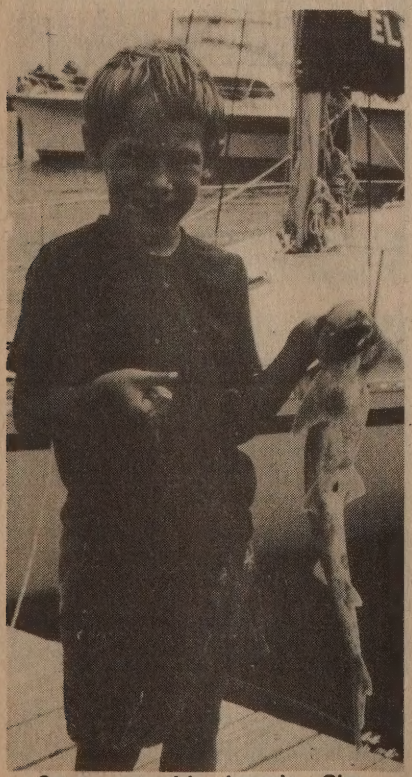

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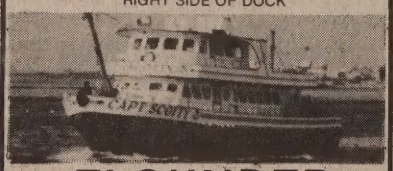

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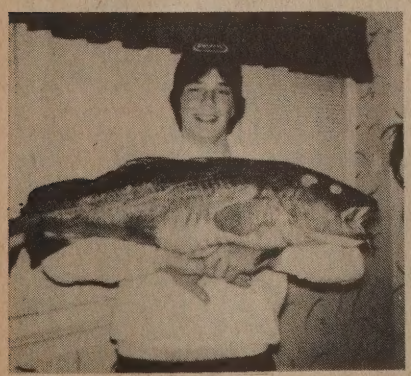
ing Station, Myles Jones also spoke of a quiet week with Friday's rain and steady east winds, along with a dismal weather forecast for Saturday making for a very quiet two days. Myles did see a few flatties taken at Buoy 29 on Sunday. The anglers were conpensated for the slim pickings by the size of the fish.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Flounder action dropped off considerably this week according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. He was referring to the local bay south of Patchogue as well as Moriches. Any number of reasons were offered by "flounder sharpies" ranging from the east winds to moon tides and an overabundance of baby shrimp in the bays which the flatties have been feeding heavily on. Paul noted that there was some pretty fair flounder action at the Blue Point and Patchogue Docks and at the Patchogue sand spit up through midweek. The fishing grew progressively worse through the weekend but on Thursday, a quartet of youngsters, fishing the Patchogue Dock racked up a score of 16 flatties. Included in the group were Brian and Jason Murray, Michael Neikam and Frank Mendez. On Friday, the same four youngsters returned with five flatties and told of catching and releasing a 16 inch striper. Paul noted that the first blackfish have been taken in Great South Bay and that he will be stocking crabs for this weekend.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that several boatmen reported picking away at flatties at Barrett Beach, East and West Islands and State Channel. In general, the fishing has been slow. Sunday was a busy morning but no one reported back with any substantial news. There were a couple of small flatties reported from the West Sayville dock on bloodworms during the week.

One of the weekend's better floun-



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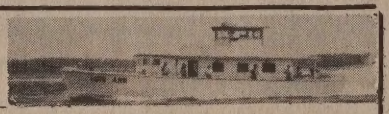

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der scores in Great South Bay was credited to Larry Boyd and his friend Harry. According to Jim Romano at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, the two spent Easter Sunday bouncing around between Buoy 2-East Islip and Barrett Beach to the east. They finished up the day with 50 flatties taken on bloodworms and mussel chum. Jim heard of a pick of flatties in the Sore Thumb Pocket on Sunday. Just a few fish, but good size. One Great South Bay sharpie spent the better part of the day running all over the bay and managed only 15 flatties. Peter Jakits reported hitting all of his favorite April haunts to little or no avail.

The word from Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** wasn't much more encouraging. He spoke of a few flounder taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket on Sunday. Another boatman reported not picking a fish in Dickerson Channel on Sunday. The weekend was quiet to start due to the weather and Easter Sunday.

We made a call to Gary Schaeper at Sunrise Fish in Islip. They man the ocean pound nets south of Robert Moses State Park. Usually a good barometer for migrating species such as mackerel and weakfish, the traps are not yet in operation according to Gary. He figured it would be another 2 to 3 weeks before the traps were operable this year. He had no reports from netters concerning any weakfish or mackerel catches.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported slow flounder fishing on the docks but did mention the appearance of a few blackfish at Oak Beach, Robert Moses Pier and the Jones Beach Piers. He weighed a 2½ pound tautog for Patrick Wyche on Sunday. It was taken at Jones Beach. Noel will stock fiddler crabs for weekend blackfish hopefuls. He added that he has heard rumors of a couple of small weakfish taken by flounder fishermen in West Channel.

Dan and Tim Wright with a pair of fluke taken last summer in Fire Island Inlet aboard their family boat, 'Cagney.'

BAYSHORE

Fisherman subscribers Michael and Marianne Ostrander pose with a 34 lb. wahoo landed aboard a drift boat during a brief stay in Miami.

Capt. Andy Buglione of the **Captree** charter boat **Cap'n Andy** fished a party of 18 anglers from the Valley Stream Fishing Club on Sunday. They were headed by Stan Silverman. Andy said that while only 35 flatties were taken by the group, all were nice quality fish. Most of the fish were taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket with a few picked from the mussel beds along South Beach. Andy did hear radio chatter which indicated some mackerel caught on the Coimbra Wreck and a few south of Gilgo. One of the Sheepshead Bay open boats did a good job on mackerel on Easter Sunday opposite Atlantic City. As a result, Andy will begin his mackerel fishing this weekend. He reminds that he still has some choice dates open.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** called the flounder fishing on Thursday and Saturday a slow pick on the Babylon Flats. Jack Kennedy managed 10 flatties on each of those days.

Artie Orlandi at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** reported that things have been pretty quiet since Friday's rain. Saturday's weather forecast was no bargain and Easter Sunday combined to keep angler effort down to a minimum. He knew of a few small catches of flatties made in the Sore Thumb Pocket and in the State Channel near Amityville. A few blacks beginning to show in their usual Great South Bay haunts as well as on the Rota Wreck. A big body of mackerel was reported opposite Atlantic City on Sunday.

Mike Andreani spoke of a slow weekend for flounder and thought the best bet remains the Amity Cut in the State Channel. From behind the counter of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** he spoke of a few weakfish rumors by netters filtering in. He wanted us to remind customers that the Town of Babylon has scheduled a fishing contest for town residents 16 years of age or younger for this Saturday. Contests will be held at Tanner Park in Copiague and at Bergen Point in West Babylon. Registration is at the Phelps Lane Park in North Babylon through Friday from 9AM to 4:30 PM. Registrants must bring proof of residency and age. There is no fee. For more info, call Babylon Town Rec-

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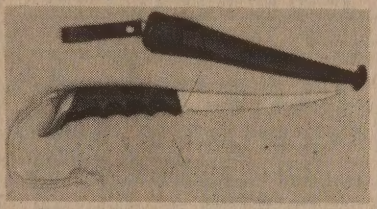

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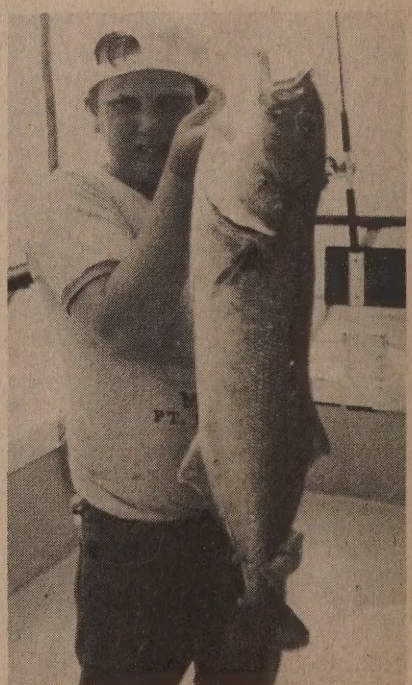
reation Department at 516-422-7206. Mike added that any youngster participating in the contest can stop by the shop and pick up a free custom flounder rig.

A slow week on flounder according to Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**. He thought the full moon tides may have had an effect on the fishing which improved somewhat on the weekend. He knew of a few decent catches made at the Sore Thumb and at the Amity Cut and Lindenhurst Cut in the State Channel. On Sunday, 10 year old Chris Blanton weighed in a 2.11 pound flounder from among a catch of a dozen made at Gilgo in the State Channel. Dudley Britt, Nick DeCicco, Scott "The Rock" and John O'Connel used Charlie's special flounder rigs to put away 49 keepers from ¾ to 1¾ pounds on Sunday. They fished Hemlock Cove and in the State Channel at Gilgo. A few blacks now being picked from the Robert Moses Piers. Charlie's will have fiddlers in stock for the weekend. Mackerel were taken as far north as Atlantic City on Easter Sunday.

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported a decent pick of flounder on the weekend with several boats reporting catches in the neighborhood of 20 or so flatties. The better scores seem to come from Squaw Island and Gilgo in the State Channel. Chester did look over a 15½ inch flounder taken by an angler at Tanner Park and noted that there were some good catches made at the dock on worms last week. Late Sunday, Chester fished slack water on the north end of the R.M. Bridge and put away



Eleven-year-old Brian Kearney caught this 15½ lb. chopper last summer aboard the Point Lookout charter boat, "Marie III."

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Bill Smith of East Meadow landed this 40 lb. cod back in December aboard the Point Lookout open boat, "Capt. Al."

30 flatties on bloodworms. He knew of a couple of blackfish picked at the Kismet Reef as well.

A few good catches of flounder coming from the vicinity of the Amity Cut according to Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**. He looked over a cooler full of flatties taken there on Sunday by the Reel Affair. He also reported seeing a couple of blackfish during a stroll along the Jones Beach Fishing Piers. The first couple of sea robins were reported by several flounder anglers and radio chatter indicated a few scattered mackerel in the vicinity of the Mud Hole.

At **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported a dozen nice flounder taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket by Al Juliano on the Marine Mate Sunday. He sampled first hand the slow fishing on the Babylon Flats on Sunday. He knew that at least one or two boats did well later in the day in the Amity Cut. Frank had no blackfish or mackerel news to report but figured he should have some worthwhile mackerel fishing by the weekend if the weatherman cooperates. A Sheepshead Bay open boat loaded up on big Bostons opposite Atlantic City on Easter Sunday.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

With unsettled weather continuing into this past week, and the tail end results of a moon tide, this week's flounder fishing while picky and sporadic, had its good moments as well. The best news is that most of the fish have been running from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. and a good number of fish even bigger. Things should be gangbusters with some settled weather. Blackfishing has started to some degree at the local bridges while excellent mackerel catches have been made off Atlantic City with the macks

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Fisherman subscribers Mark Eisen and Andy Dick with long-fin albacore and yellowfin tuna taken last November during a Canyon trip aboard the Sheepshead Bay based open boat "Betty W. IV."

expected to move into this area by the weekend or at least within closer striking distance. Excellent blackfishing for big tog at Cholera.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We learned from **Old Harbor Marina** (formerly Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station) in Seaford that Saturday's rentals scored with 10 to 17 flounder per boat and that the fishing was great prior to this week's bad weather. Worms, mussel and clam bait combined with clam chum was the ticket, with the best areas being Massapequa Cove, buoy 14 and Squaw.

From Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh, we learned that his customers had good flounder pounding during the week to the tune of 8 to 25 fish per boat, most of which ran from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. and a few going larger. Best baits were bloodworm or red dyed clam. Things dropped on the weekend with boats now getting 4 to 6 flatties per boat, but with fish the same large size. Hotspots were the S-turn, Neds and Haunts Creeks and Merrick Mountain. Excellent blackfishing at Cholera with fish to 9 lbs. on crabs and clam, accompanied by plentiful small cod in the 3 to 4 lb. range.

Over at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore, customers left word with Scott of average flounder catches of 12 to 15 nice fish per boat, working Swift and Haunts Creeks. Decent catches of nice sized fish were also made off the Jones Beach piers

Over at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, Gary's customers described the floundering as fair to good this past week on mussels, worms, clam and plenty of chum with the best area being between Zachs Bay and Black Banks. Fish averaged about a pound and the critters fed best all around the high.

As for the Freeport action, a call from the charter boat **Corsair** tells of Saturday's trip for Slide Systems of NYC. A lot of drops and heavy chumming and steady picking away all day with worm, clam and mussel put together a decent catch of good sized fish. The largest flattie was caught by Ross Posmentier. As the weather cleared in the late afternoon the fishing got even better. The best areas were from Baldwin Bay to the Wantagh bridges with the best being to the west.

We learned from Captain Sy Karlin's **Bluefin Fleet** that his flounder trips this week caught best on bloods, mussel and clam with fish going up to 2 lbs. The females were filled with roe, said the skipper. John Branda Jr. bagged a 2 lber. and fish seemed to be spread all around, both east and west of Jones, with Short Beach CG station being particularly productive. Another 2 lber. was taken by Hank Schleicher. High hook of the week was Bobby Porter, age 13.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** on a special cod and pollock offshore wreck trip Thursday put his customers into some good action. John Gerolamo of Port Jeff Station had 2 cod 30 and 31 lbs. while Jay Kim nailed a 28 lb. cod. A 28 lb. pollock was the reward for Randy Meison, while Angelo and Mike Escobar bagged pollock of 21 and 29 lbs. A lot of other fish were taken in the high teens and mid-20s. The boat has switched to mackerel, sailing everyday now. Good hits were made off Atlantic City Sunday and also macks have been taken in a couple of the local gill nets, these being the school leaders. The fish should be a lot closer by the time you read this report.

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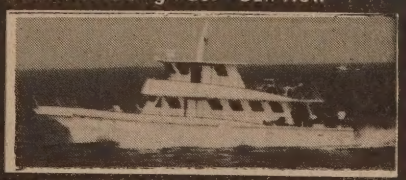

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B called to report that Monday's AM trip saw regular Dick, Freeport with high hook of 15 flatties. Tuesday's PM trip had Spencer Thomas of Roosevelt with a 3 lb. 2 oz. flattie. Wednesday AM, John Smith, Freeport, bagged a 2¼ lber. On this trip, 19 fares totalled 44 flounder. On Thursday 11-year-old Eleanor Lorenco, a first timer, bagged a 1¾ lb. fish. Friday's PM trip had Mike Fessler of Maspeth with a 2 lber. while on Saturday John Smith returned in the PM and nailed a 3 lb. 6 oz. which hit the same weight on three separate scales. On Sunday Mike Baulke of Kings Park hoisted a 3 lber. in the AM. Saturday AM's pool fish hit 2½ lbs. All action has been local and on worm and mussel. Both tides have been working with heavy chumming and sinker bouncing important. Frank says patience is the key, let the fish EAT. The skipper announces a bi-weekly boat lottery with a really neat rod and reel combo as the prize. This week's winner is ticket #11120.

From Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** we hear of decent to good flounder action aboard the **Super Spray II** this week and aboard the few Association charter boats that sailed this past week. However, the fishing had its hot moments and all fish were fat. They ran from 3/4 to 1 lb., with pools running 2 to 2½ lbs. Word from the **Super Spray II** is that they MAY be switching to mackerel by the weekend, so for the very latest info on this boat, watch the daily papers or call the Freeport Boatmen's Association office at 378-4838.

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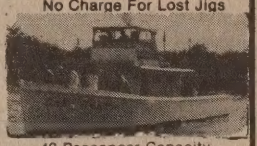
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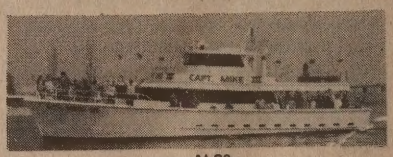
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Captain Mike Dannon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** tells of Monday's catch on the full day boat led by Jack Green with 28 good flounder. Young Kim bagged 21 on Sunday. Mike says it was a picky week due to the weather and water conditions. Aboard the half day boat this week, Monday saw 8-year-old Jeff Belzy with 13 flounder. Wednesday's PM trip had 21 fares boating 150 flatties with high hook 6-year old Stacy Orenstein with 13. On Thursday Greg Finale had a 2 lber., Friday Steve Oster of Elmont took the pool with a 2½ lber. while on Saturday Tom Devine slipped a 2 lb. pool fish into his bucket. Sunday saw Oceanside angler Ray Trapani with a 2¾ lber. Mike says the two week lull is just about over and catches should be thick very soon.

Lou Stalker at **Lou's Fishing Station** at the mouth of Woodcleft Canal talked of great blackfish catches at Cholera and quite a few very small cod, same area by several private boats. The blackfishing was exceptionally good, said Lou, best catches on green crab and fiddler crab. One customer and his daughter really loaded up working several offshore pieces. Several of Lou's customers enjoyed good flounder fishing from private boats working very shoal water.

Over in Point Lookout, where the **Captain Al** has just wrapped up spring flounder fishing, we hear reports of some good flounder catches. Phil ross of Oceanside had 23 up to 2¼ lbs., while Arisia Yamakura had 28. On Sunday Roosevelt Rogers managed 36 fish and on Friday he had to settle for only a half bucket full. It was a matter of short rides and good catches said the skipper with fish generally running from keepers to 1½ lbs., with all action east of the Wantagh bridges. Please note that th boat has now switched over to mackerel 6AM daily. Al said some mackerel were caught this past week as close as Farms and the Coimbra area, fish being 2 to 3 lbers.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** Friday's trip for a Transit Authority group had a slow pick working Swift Creek to Garretts Lead. Saturday's trip for Joe Principale saw catches averaging 8 to 12 fish a man working

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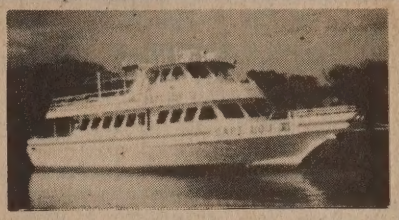

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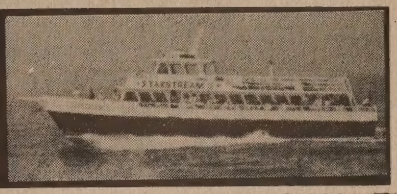

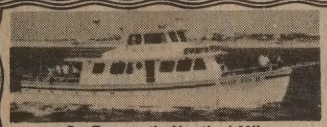

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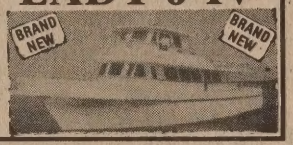

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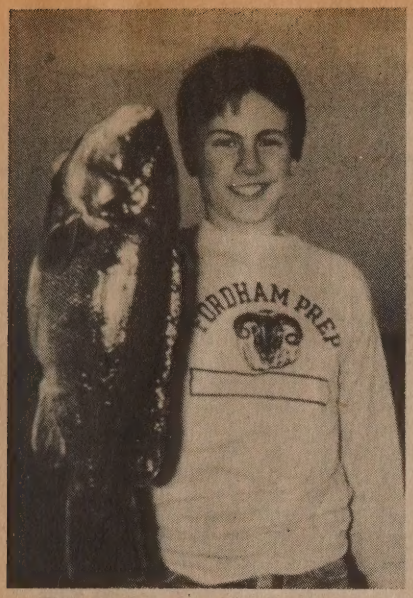
the same area with fish running 1 to 1½ lbs. On the half day boat **Night Hawk** the skipper advised that catches of flounder varied day by day this week according to conditions. Some days high hooks were 6 to 8 fish and other days 12 to 15. However, most fish were on the big side. John Gennity of Wood Haven nailed a 2 lb. 11 oz. flattie this week. Many drops have been required on a daily basis with mussel and worm catching best.

The skipper of the **Miss Point Lookout** called this week's activity sporadic with conditions tough due to the rain, wind and moon tide. Tuesday was rated okay on the AM trip and fair in the PM, when over 100 fish were taken. Artie Hartman had a 1¾ lb. pool winner while Casey Specht was high hook with 13. Steve Skidmore of East Northport bagged 12. Wednesday AM saw Jim Harvey of Queens Village with 8 flounder including a 2 lb. pool fish. On the PM trip Bill Amberg of College Point had a 2½ lb. pool winner and Bob Zitorsky was high hook with 13. In Thursday AM's wind and rain Chicken Bill from upstate New York pulled 12 fish. Friday's PM trip had Frances Buhler, Oceanside with 13. The rain certainly hasn't been helping, said the skipper. Saturday's AM trip had Bill T and Rob Giardino each with a 2 lb. flattie and on the PM trip Chris Flynn nailed a 2 lb. 3 oz. specimen.

Scotty's Fishing Station reported that their rental skiffs that got out this week using worm and mussel bait and plenty of chum caught nice size flounder off Short Beach, in Swift Creek and on the flats. Some small fluke starting to be caught on squid strips in Reynolds.

Saturday at **Ed's Fishing Station** occurred the big hit of 61 flounder taken in Sea Dog Creek on worms and heavy mussel chumming by Frank Prucha and Jim LoPresti. This was on incoming water over the mussel beds. They heard word of mackerel off Jersey that are moving up. Some blackfish at Big M. Eileen said they have fiddlers and green crabs for all you tog fans.

Billy at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook told of Mike Ferrara and Rick Born of Valley Stream who on Sunday fishing buoy 5, Reynolds, boated 38



This bruiser of a blackfish was caught near the Norwalk Islands by Fisherman subscriber Robert Barbarelli on November 29, 1986. Unfortunately, no weight accompanied the photo.

flounder from 1/2 to 2 lbs. fishing two hours all around the high. Magnolia Pier also produced fairly well said Bill. Some blacks at the ABB and Big M. He said the store will have all blackfish bait by the weekend. Lots of bass of all sizes in the VZ bridge area and Sandy Hook area taken by trollers and those slinging bait from shore.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway, Skippy advises that the best area this week has been Reynolds channel on all the usual baits, but that chumming is an absolute MUST. Fish the dock lines, he said, between markers 5 and 7 on the south side of Reynolds. Blacks starting at the wrecks and bridges on fiddlers and greens. Charles Lamanno of East Rockaway along with son Anthony hoisted 32 flounder Saturday working Reynolds Channel, fish 1 to 1¾ lbs.

Over in Howard Beach, John at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** told of very decent flounder fishing from both north and south channel bridges and also at Silver Hole. Fish have been averaging 3/4 lbs., hitting mussels and worms on any moving tide. John says he has fiddler crabs in now for customers seeking blackfish.

It was wall to wall mackerel, said Sharon Coley, wife of Captain Al Coley of the **Betty W. IV** speaking of Sunday's big mack attack that took place off Atlantic City for the boat's customers. Al had described it as a total massacre with most fares having two bags a man, with individual fish ranging up to 4 lbs., and all you could catch. Sharon said when you come on the boat be sure to try her special gastronimical treat, the Betty Burger, which she produces to perfection in the boat's gourmet galley.

Captain Bob Wiegand of the **Flamingo III** called the flounder action picky during the week, but nonetheless, his fares put together passable catches. Sunday the boat worked the Staten Island area with a party of three taking over 20 fish, almost all of which were nice sized. The boat has fished locally all week due to the weather and moon. There was a steady roll all week which was subsiding by the weekend. Still plenty of fish around, said Bob.

We learned from Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** that he's been having some really good blackfishing. Sunday was especially good with fish running 2 to 8 lbs. off the Jersey coast on green crab. Catches have been 10 to 35 fish a man, depending on the angler's skill.

We hear from Captain George of the **Pastime II** which is sailing a two flounder trip a day schedule, that

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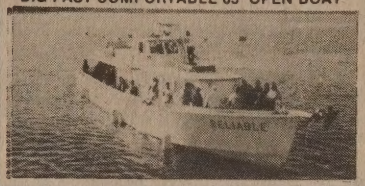

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customers enjoyed decent fishing during the week and things were even better on the weekend. Saturday's catch ran from 3 to 17 fish a man, fish 3/4 to 3 lbs. Tony P had 17. Barbara and Bill had 21 flounder to 3 lbs. Best action was off Plum Beach with mussels working best and Tom said things should really pick up as the weather settles down.

Charlie at **Mike's Tackle** directly across from the fleet told of the good mackereling with anglers averaging a burlap bag a man. Some fish were at Farms, he said, but most were off Atlantic City on Sunday and expect to be moving north. Good blackfishing at Seabright with some real heavy specimens. Greg Kubiok of Brooklyn zapped a 9 lb. 10 oz. tog while 10-year-old Michael Zielinski settled for a 9 lb. 4 oz. tog. Flounder action has been good from the round house to the jetty to the Navesink, 90 percent keepers, 3/4 to 2½ lbs.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Carrell

Wet weather and a sour easterly flow during the Easter/Passover week did not help the Sound flounder fishing. Easter Sunday coincided with Orthodox Easter, so waterfront activity was minimal despite a beautiful day. Cold Sound waters resulted in shallow water floundering with best catches in spots normally productive a month earlier. Small boats and tight inshore waters seemed best. Out east, a fair season seemed to be in the making, but it was still early to try second guessing from Greenport east.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** had good inshore flounder fishing in reports from early in the week, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mamaroneck Harbor, Larchmont and New Rochelle Harbor were all mentioned by John Palmieri, who was already thinking about mackerel.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** had a few tautog in catches from Bayville, Pryble and Crescent Beach. Early blackfish fans were already screaming for crabs. Some of the best flounder fishing appeared to be off McLoughlin Street facing Pryble.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** had no skiffs out over the weekend, but Jack Rumpf saw private craft with catches from Eastchester Bay, Harts Island and the CBS tower in shallow water. A few small tautog were taken on worms off Larchmont.

Western party boats were still picking keepers from a mass of small flounder in ten to twenty foot depths in Oyster Bay. With Sound temperatures at fourty-eight degrees F, Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** has already spotted herring schools, as have many other craft. It's too early to be looking for mackerel with the main schools just north of Atlantic City. The **North Star** and the **Apache** spent the weekend in Oyster Bay as well, although Pete Anderson did have one good shot at fish outside on Friday.

Carl Giangrande was trying very hard for some larger flounder with the **Reliable** out of Flushing Bay. He went to drops off Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye Beach, Harts, Manhasset and Matinecock with only mediocre results. There is nothing in deeper waters to the east, either. Northport has been a disaster, which puzzles a number of west end skippers. The Connecticut based **Delmar** had only twenty fish for thirty-six people last Wednesday.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** had good numbers and good sizes in shallow water and inshore reports from Duck Island and Lloyd Harbor. These one to one and a quarter pound flatties were coming from ten foot depths, with incoming water generally best, although spots vary. Small boat hauls of thirty fish were not unusual. Mel Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** told us that the shallow water around Mill Dam was still producing and that there were still bass at LILCO.

Nick Busa and Rick Dobbins had a superb catch of more than six dozen flatties to one and a half pounds from ledges and drops around Port Jeff. Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing**

Thirteen-year-old Andrew Paskoff holds a brace of big blues, the largest a 14.2 pounder, that he boated back in November on the Middle Grounds in Long Island Sound. Subscriber photo.

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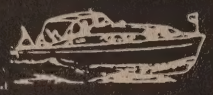
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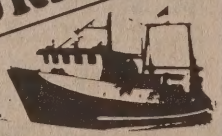
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Station was still talking flounder rather than tautog. Although **Bowman's, Complete Angler** and **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** were closed Easter Sunday afternoon, Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mount Sinai** sent out seven skiffs Easter Sunday. The best catches during the week included twenty flatties around a pound in the harbor and a group of five big flounder to two and a half pounds taken in one hour of fishing off Shoreham.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** is booking fast for bass fishing on the moons. He's getting up into the rocks for shallow water flounder fishing around Lloyds and near Marshall Field. Joe Troiano and a party of three had more than five dozen flounder to one and a half pounds in a super day on Saturday.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** also had a good day Saturday. Bob Licker of Medford took the pool with a 2.9 while Dick Bromwell of Port Jefferson was high hook with eight flounder to 2.4. Fishing was near Shoreham in spots that had around twelve feet of water at low tide. Cash figures that the best is yet to come. Incidentally, brother Bruce has been doing some good floundering with charters on the **Prowler**.

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NORTH FORK

Whether it's the detritus left by brown tide, bottom damage by commercial dragging, the low in the flounder cycle or a combination of the three, the Peconic Bays west of Southold are virtually dead. Only at the mouth of the Peconic River were there a few success stories of a dozen flatties of more, according to Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue**. Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** told the grim tale of Dom DeRanieri who managed only one lone flounder from his favorite haunts around Robins Island in a day of fishing last week. Loria is hoping to get a boost from the weakfish run in a couple of weeks, however.

Kopack had reports of nice flounder in the one and a half to two pound class east of Mattituck Inlet, but cautioned that numbers are not there yet. **Charlie's Mattituck Fishing Station** was closed on Easter and couldn't get skiffs out into the easterlies last week.

Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** in **Southold** told us that the pick was no better this week off Pipes, South Ferry, Smith Cove and at the mouths of local Southold creeks. Despite the cold waters, the party and charter boats were sailing around to the

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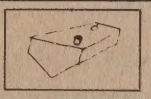
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Sound.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** called to give the details of some definitive flounder fishing last week. His best drops were in thirty to fifty feet but there were flounder, at least a few, most every where on the Sound. Best catch was fourty-two flatties, and there were a lot of windowpane flounder in the area this year. Terry Stewart took Saturday's pool with a 2.4 and there were a number of flounder around two pounds. The 562 Fishing Club had one of the best outings so far this year.

Larry Porter of the **Brand X** philosophied on the cold start to the east end flounder season which he feels is normal. Saturday's excursion found a few fish in most places, but skippers were advised to vary depths. All the way from Conklin's around to Petty's. Dave Brennan's **Peconic Star** will be joining the **X** from Greenport this week. According to waterfront chatter, draggers are only taking one to four boxes per day of flounder from Bostick (Gardiner's Island) but market prices are so high that any catch is a winner.

Larry Ciccotto will begin sailing on the **Prime Time III** this week. John Rainis expects to be back in the water with his own open boat, the **Sea Star**, when that fifty footer comes out of Freeport later this month. The boat will be sailing open, full time, beginning around May 1st, and John hopes his old friends will give him and Anna Mae a call for particulars at (516) 477-9508.

The **Prime Time III** from **Greenport** has announced its first trip will be Saturday, April 25th, for flounder at 8am. Captain Larry also indicated that he looks forward to a strong flounder season.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

The consensus of tackle shop owners and local anglers seems to be that the freshwater season is swinging into high gear. Trout fishing remains consistent and action with bass and panfish seems to be on a steady rise. Pickerel fishing has improved vastly with anglers taking fish from Hempstead lake to Peconic River. Look for the sunfish to begin putting up on their spawning beds sometime over the next two weeks if temperatures remain mild.

Pickerel fishing has been very good in Hempstead Lake according to Bill Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle**, Lynbrook. Anglers have been casting night crawlers below a float and connecting with fish as large as 3 to 4 lbs. Of course, these are being

released as the season for pickerel does not begin until May. In addition to the fine pickerel action, anglers are also taking a lot of perch and an occasional bass. Bill also passed on word that Connetquot River trout are beginning to respond to dry flies; several anglers reported good action within the park over the past week.

A call to Bob Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, Wantagh, revealed vastly improved bass fishing in the Wantagh Twin Lakes. Chris Maienghi caught and released several good fish there on Saturday. Crappies are also feeding well with killies or small spinners producing the best action.

A lot of panfish, a few catfish and an occasional largemouth bass is the word on Lake Ronkonkoma fishing action according to Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**. Carp are just starting to feed and one angler checked in a 30 inch fish taken on a mixture of corn and dough.

From Rod DiGiacomo at **J&R Sports Center**, Oakdale, we hear that Bubbles Falls is still loaded with small trout and crowds of fishermen. Over in Connetquot River State Park Preserve, anglers are scoring well with trout. On Sunday, the father/son team of Dominick and Nicholas Clemente collected three rainbow trout—the smallest measuring 18 inches. Wooly bugger (black) and muskrat patterns did the damage. Nine-year-old Ray Dionisio also had good luck inside the park this week. On his first fly fishing trip, the youngster used a muddler minnow to nail rainbows of 2 and 2.5 lbs. Rod added that bubble floats and nymphs are accounting for a good number of stockies in Sayville Mill Pond.

Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle**, Patchogue, reports the freshwater season seems to be in great shape right about now. Anglers are doing especially well with pickerel in Patchogue and Cannon Lakes. Patchogue Lake also is producing some excellent action with yellow perch which are taking killies, worms, spinners and other lures. Trout fishing is holding up well with quite a few stockies and a few holdovers coming from all usual locations. Bill Wobleski used Panther Martins to nail several stockes in West Lake and Patchogue Fishing Club member Ozzy Van Helmond and friend Bobby Antici scored well in Sayville Mill Pond. Anglers should note that blue duns or any pattern that resembles a mayfly should work well now.

Ken Josephson of **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport,** Hunter Mountain, New York, gave a call on Sunday to report that the fine trout fishing anglers have been experiencing between rainstorms has continued. Late last Sunday, Mark Sgro of Bergenfield, NJ, assumed the lead in the shop's trout contest when he checked in a beautiful 19.5" brown trout taken on "garden hackle." Ken noted that the size of the fish checked in this season has been real impressive.

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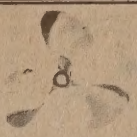

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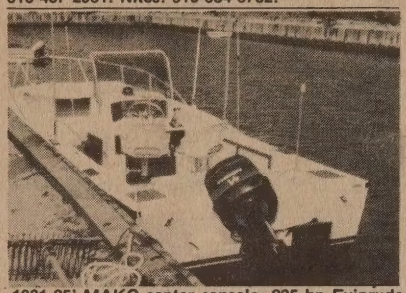

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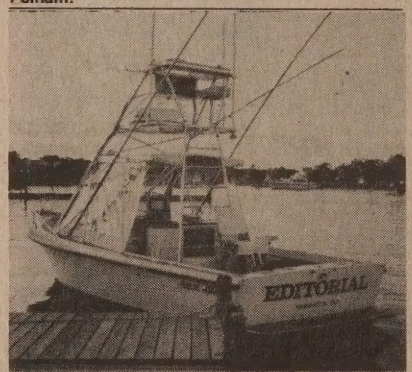

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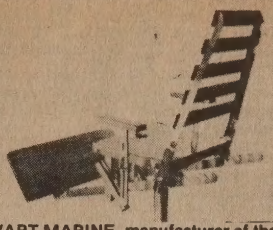

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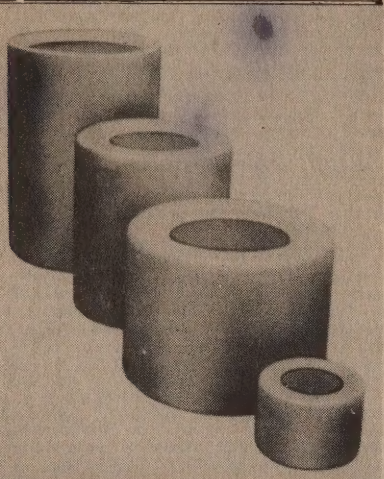

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	4:45	5:20	5:35	6:15	5:20	6:00	6:25	7:00	8:55	9:25	8:15	8:45	4:40	5:10	4/23
FRI.	5:45	6:20	6:35	7:10	6:20	6:55	7:25	7:50	9:55	10:15	9:15	9:35	5:35	6:00	4/24
SAT.	6:40	7:05	7:30	7:55	7:15	7:40	8:20	8:35	10:45	11:00	10:10	10:25	6:25	6:45	4/25
SUN.	7:25	7:45	8:20	8:35	8:00	8:25	9:05	9:15	11:30	11:40	10:55	11:10	7:10	7:30	4/26
MON.	8:05	8:25	9:00	9:20	8:45	9:05	9:45	9:55	—	12:10	11:40	11:50	7:55	8:15	4/27
TUES.	8:45	9:00	9:45	9:55	9:25	9:45	10:30	10:35	12:20	12:50	—	12:20	8:35	8:55	4/28
WED.	9:25	9:40	10:25	10:35	10:10	10:20	11:05	11:15	12:55	1:30	12:30	1:05	9:20	9:35	4/29
THURS.	10:05	10:15	11:00	11:15	10:50	11:00	11:50	11:55	1:30	2:05	1:10	1:45	10:00	10:20	4/30

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STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
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SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
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ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
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Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
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New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

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Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
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East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

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Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/23	6:09	7:50
FRI. 4/24	6:07	7:51
SAT. 4/25	6:05	7:52
SUN. 4/26	6:04	7:53
MON. 4/27	6:02	7:54
TUE. 4/28	6:00	7:55
WED. 4/29	5:59	7:56

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/23	4:05AM	3:05PM
FRI. 4/24	4:30AM	4:15PM
SAT. 4/25	4:50AM	5:25PM
SUN. 4/26	5:15AM	6:30PM
MON. 4/27	5:35AM	7:40PM
TUE. 4/28	6:00AM	8:50PM
WED. 4/29	6:30AM	9:55PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
4/28	5/6	5/13	5/20

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	2:05	**8:15**	2:25	**8:40**
Fri.	2:55	**9:00**	3:10	**9:20**
Sat.	3:35	**9:40**	3:50	**10:00**
Sun.	4:15	**10:20**	4:30	**10:45**
Mon.	5:00	**11:00**	5:10	**11:25**
Tues.	5:40	**11:45**	5:55	—
Wed.	6:25	**12:10**	6:45	**12:35**
Thurs.	7:15	**1:05**	7:45	**1:30**

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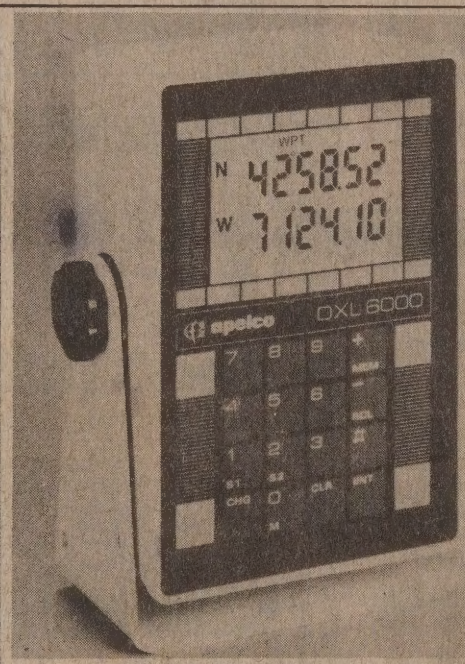

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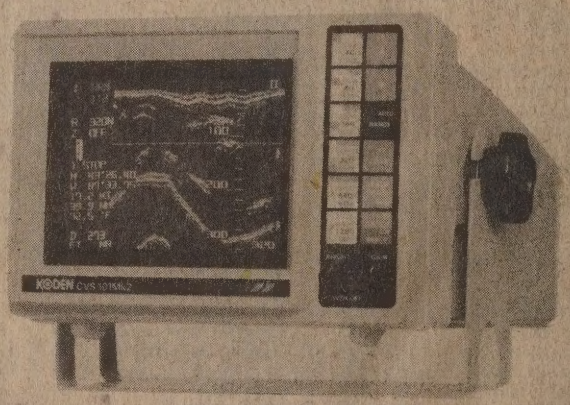

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